

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support that we can. Healthy school food has obvious health benefits and can help pupils to establish healthy habits for life. Healthy school food can also help to Improve pupils' readiness to learn.

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for **Free School Meals**. Your child is eligible if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
- Income related Employment & Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with NO Working Tax Credit), with an annual income of not more than £16,190

To check if your child is eligible, we need information about you and your child. Please complete the form overleaf and return to school as soon as possible, so that we can start your claim.

Please note that we are unable to backdate the claim to cover any unpaid money or refund any money paid before the start date of a successful application.

Pupil Premium

As well as claiming for Free School Meals, we can also claim for Pupil Premium funding with this form. If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding this then provides the school with additional funding from the Government that helps us to continue to provide resources for the children.

If your child is currently in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and receives the Universal Free School Meals, it is still important that you complete the form overleaf so that they can claim Free School Meals when they reach Year 3. Again this will also add funding for the school through the Pupil Premium funding.

If you have any questions or issues, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Howard
Academy Manager



Free School Meal Application Form

Please complete all sections on this form and return to the school office.

Child's Name	Date of Birth	Class

Parent/Carer Title	Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms (please circle) Other:
Parent/Carer Name	
Relationship to Child	
Address	
Date of Birth	
NI or NASS Number	

This information you have supplied will be used to update our main school database, our communication systems and to regularly check eligibility for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium funding using the online checking service.

By signing this form, you are giving us consent to do this. You must inform the school in writing of any change in your family financial circumstances, as set out in this form.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

All information provided will be treated in confidence, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation 2016 and used for the purpose of fulfilling the school's and Local Authority's statutory and operational needs. This covers Health and Safety, communication, FSM, Educational Benefits and Pupil Premium. This information may be shared with other departments within the council for the purpose of preventing fraud, misuse of public funds and any legal or statutory requirement and also with the Department of Work and Pensions to establish Free School Meal/Pupil Premium status.

