

IMPORTANT & URGENT COMMUNICATION

School meals and ADDITIONAL income for schools

Since 11th December 2015 entitlement to free school meals is assessed as part of housing benefit/ council tax support claims. This may apply to a child/children in your household for whom you are not already claiming a free school meal for.

Your child does not HAVE to have a school meal. However, completion of an application for Free School Meals could raise up to an extra £935 per annum for six years for the school (funded by central government). This can help to fund valuable teaching and learning support for your school (and is still paid to the school even if your entitlement ceases).

ELIGIBILITY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

To receive a Free School Meal you have to be in receipt of:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- An Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190

Please note: you do not qualify for Free School Meals / pupil premium if you are in receipt of Working Tax Credit regardless of income.

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