

# Free school meals

Your child will qualify for free school meals if they're in full-time education and you receive one of the following benefits:

- income support
- income based job seekers allowance
- income related employment and support allowance
- guarantee element of state pension credit
- child tax credit with no working tax credit and have an income as assessed by the Inland Revenue that does not exceed £16,190 (subject to change annually)
- support under [Part 1V of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999](#).
- universal credit

Children who receive a qualifying benefit in their own right are also entitled to receive free school meals.

If you have a child starting school and they have a brother or sister attending the same school who already receives free school meals, you don't need to apply. Your child will automatically be given free school meals.

**Your child won't qualify for free school meals** if you're receiving working tax credits and disabled working tax credits.

## Universal infant free school meals

All infant age pupils (Reception/Years 1 and 2) are entitled to receive a free school meal.

Although infant children will automatically receive a free school meal, we're asking families who have a statutory entitlement to free school meals to complete an [application form](#) online so that we can check if the school is entitled to receive Pupil Premium for your child.

The Pupil Premium grant is provided by the government for each eligible child and this money is used to fund valuable support in school.

Even if you don't want your child to receive a free school meal, we'd ask you to complete the application form so that your child's school receives as much funding as possible.

[www.barnsley.gov.uk/free-school-meals-form](http://www.barnsley.gov.uk/free-school-meals-form)

**If you do not have access to the internet or need any help completing the form please come into school to see Mrs Wilkinson, our Parent Support Advisor, who will help you to complete it on the schools tablet.**