



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

WHO CAN GET FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

Your child/children could get free meals if you receive any of the following:

- Universal Credit **with an earnings threshold that does not exceed £7400**
- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by HMRC that does not exceed £16190
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment someone receives for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

If your child/children can claim free school meals, please contact the school your youngest child attends, even if you do not wish to take up the offer of a free school meal, as this affects the level of funding both the school and the Authority receives.

HOW TO APPLY

- Complete your details on the form below and return to the school of your youngest child together with a copy of your Tax Credit Award Notice (TC602). (The school will forward this form to the schools attended by your other child/children).
- All claims for free school meals will be treated in the strictest confidence and handled sensitively by the school.

Child's details (youngest child first)

Name	Date of Birth	School

Claimant's details

Surname:	Forename:
Relationship: (eg Parent, Guardian, Carer)	
Address:	
Telephone Number:	
Income Support Number:	
Benefit Type:	
National Insurance Number:	
Date of Birth:	

Declaration: I wish to apply for Free School Meals for the above named child/children. I confirm that I am currently in receipt of Income Support/Income Based Job-Seekers Allowance/a payment made under Part VI of the Asylum and Immigration Act/Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit or an award of Child Tax Credits (but not Working Tax Credit). I have enclosed a copy of this/these entitlements with this form.

I hereby give consent to a check for Free School Meals eligibility, via Durham County Council and the Department of Education's online service which includes data from HMRC and DWP. I understand that it is my responsibility to inform the school if I no longer receive the relevant benefit. If I receive sums in excess of my entitlement I agree to repay this amount to the school.

Parent/Carer's Signature.....

Dated.....