

## Free school meals

Information on how to apply for free school meals, what happens after you have applied and who can apply.

### How to apply

Fill in our simple online form.

Completing this form takes around 10 minutes

To complete this form you will need both yours and your partner's national insurance number

Apply online at: <http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/schools/free-school-meals.aspx>

### After you've applied

Once your application is processed, we'll send you a letter telling you the start and end date of your free school meal entitlement. A copy of this letter is sent to your child's school to let them know and nowhere else.

No one will know you have applied and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

### Who can apply for free school meals?

Children and young people who live in Kirklees who:

- Attend full time at a local authority school or sixth form.
- Are under 19 years of age

and whose parents or carers receive one or more of the following:

- Income support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, but are not entitled to a Working Tax Credit and your annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) is less than £16,190
- Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit

From September 2014, all children in Reception and Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) became entitled to free school meals. This entitlement for all stops after Year 2. From Year 3 onwards, families who satisfy the above criteria can continue to claim free school meals for their children.

#### Free school meals for Reception, Year 1 and 2 pupils

As part of the new School Food Plan, school meals became free for all pupils in Reception and Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) from September 2014. We call this Universal Free School Meals (UFSM).

Parents should consult their child's individual school for their arrangements for universal free school meals as the process may differ from school to school.

If you are on a low income, and in receipt of certain benefits, your child is not only entitled to a free school meal, but also things like free milk, help towards school trips and other support. We would urge all eligible parents to apply, as this application ensures that your child's school receives the additional funds to be able to provide this. You are entitled to this additional support if you have a child in Kirklees who is in full time education, and you receive one or more of the benefits stated above.

#### **Contact free school meals**

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