

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be offered a universal free school meal.

Parents and carers who receive any of the qualifying benefits listed below should still make an application for free school meals, even if your child is eligible for a universal free school meal or you choose to provide a meal from home.

If your child is eligible for benefit related free school meals, they will remain eligible until they finish their phase of schooling (primary) Y6

Your child's school will receive additional funding if you are in receipt of a qualifying award listed below and you claim free school meals.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Please follow the link below to apply

St Helens Resident

<https://onlineforms.sthelens.gov.uk/victoriaforms/Viewer-VicForms.asp?user=anon&Form=FSM%20CLAIM%203.wdf>

Knowsley Resident

<https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/residents/education-and-schools/school-meals-and-menus>