

Free School Meals

Will your child be attending reception in September 2023?

If your child is attending reception class this September and you are in receipt of any of the benefits listed below, we recommend you apply for **benefit related Free School Meals**. Although your child will be entitled to a free meal each day under the **Universal Infant School Meals** scheme, the school could be entitled to extra funding known as **Pupil Premium** to help support their education. In addition, your child may also be entitled to additional funding to access the **Time2Move Holiday Programme** and a **Household Support Grant, cost of living winter payment**.

[Time2Move Holiday Programme - Cornwall Council](#)

[Household Support Fund - Cornwall Council](#)

Any pupil who is in receipt of **benefit related Free School Meals** on or after the 1 April 2018 will continue to receive **benefit related Free School Meals** whilst Universal Credit is rolled out (March 2025 – subject to change). This applies even if they no longer meet the eligibility criteria during that time. Once Universal Credit is fully rolled out, any existing pupil who no longer meets the eligibility criteria at that point will continue to receive **benefit related Free School Meals** until the end of their current phase of education, i.e., primary or secondary.

Benefit Related Free School Meals Criteria

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support (IS)
- Job Seekers' Allowance (Income-Based) and equal based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA-IR) and equal based Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (CTC) with an annual income of less than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Guarantee Element of Pension Credit (GPC)
- Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA) Support.

If you are claiming the benefits listed below you are **not** eligible for **benefit related Free School Meals**. This is regardless of what other benefits/credits are being claimed.

- Working Tax Credit
- Contribution-Based Job Seeker's Allowance and/or Contribution-Based Employment and Support Allowance

To apply, please ask the school for an application form. Please return to the school, once completed.

If you would like this information in another format please contact:

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