MAKE SAVINGS BY CLAIMING YOUR FREE SCHOOL MEAL

A WORLD OF FUN WITH FOOD · Mellors

Save time and money by claiming your free school meal allowance today. Not sure if you can claim? Read on to learn more...

DID YOU KNOW?

THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF FREE SCHOOL MEAL...

UNIVERSAL INFANTS FREE SCHOOL MEALS (UIFSM)

Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (KS1) are entitled to a free school meal regardless of income.

All you need to do is inform your school that you wish your child to have a daily hot meal.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSM)

Your child may be entitled to a Free School Meal. **However, with FSM you will need to apply.** The link on this sheet is for your local authority (search your postcode) and there is information from the Government website about FSM. Your child's school will also have an application form, if you prefer to complete it by hand.

Free school meals give children the nutrition they need to thrive during the school day - boosting focus, learning, health, and overall wellbeing.

Each day, your child can choose a hot meal (with two main options) or a sandwich, served with dessert, fresh fruit or yoghurt, and a drink. Menus are available on the school website, and our Catering Manager is happy to discuss any food allergies, intolerances or dietary requirements.

DO YOU RECEIVE ANY OF THESE?

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (restrictions apply)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit – **NEW eligibility criteria takes effect September 2026.** All households receiving Universal Credit will be able to access free school meals (previously capped at £7,400 income).

CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY TODAY!

SAVE UP TO £495 PER YEAR PER CHILD ON SCHOOL LUNCHES.

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or visit: **www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals** for more info!