

Free School Meals Information Sheet

WHO IS ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

If you are on benefits, your child may be entitled to free school meals, which could save you £495 per year per child.

You are entitled to free school meals if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit with an annual income of less than £16,190, provided they are not receiving Working Tax Credit
- the 'Guaranteed' element of the State Pension Credit
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

The income support threshold of £7,400 to qualify for free school meals has been removed. We will be emailing all parents soon to seek permission to check on eligibility if required.

If you receive income support of less than £7,400 you will be entitled to a targeted Free School Meal entitlement and if you receive greater than £7,400 you will be entitled to an expanded Free School Meal entitlement.

Please note: People receiving Working Tax Credit, regardless of their income level, do not qualify.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU THINK YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you live in Leeds:

Call Leeds Welfare and Benefits Service on 0113 222 4404 or

Look at Leeds City Council's [Apply free school meals page](#)

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-for-free-school-meals>

Non-Leeds Residents

If you do not live in Leeds then you need to complete an application form, as attached to this information sheet.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS AT GUISELEY SCHOOL

Children having free school meals are treated just the same as any other child eating in the dining hall or at one of our other food outlets (the 'Pod' or Sixth-form food outlet). There is an allowance of £3.70 to spend a day which provides a main meal at lunchtime. When your child passes by the till the transaction is processed in the same way as for any other child so nobody knows if the meal is free or paid for via our cashless catering system. Have a look at our menus and price lists on our website for further information about our meal deals. There is also a breakfast FSM offering of £1.80 which can be spent between 8am and 8.30am in the dining hall.

BENEFITS OF BEING IN THE PUPIL PREMIUM COHORT

If your child receives the targeted Free School Meals they will be in the 'Pupil Premium Cohort'. This means that they will also receive financial support for some school resources and uniform, where needed.

If your child receives expanded Free School Meals they will not be part of the 'Pupil Premium Cohort'.