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Free School Meals & Pupil Premium For All Year Groups

Dear Parents / Carers

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 classes automatically receive universal infant free school meals. However, if you meet the qualifying criteria listed below, completing an application for benefits-related free school meals could help your children's school get valuable extra funding through the pupil premium.

Who is eligible for benefits-related free school meals?

- Income support
- Income-based jobseeker's allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- 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)
- The guarantee element of state pension credit
- Working tax credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for working tax credit.
- Universal credit with annual net earned income of less than £7,400

How to apply for free school meals

You should only apply for free school meals if you receive one of the benefits listed above.

Please call 0116 305 5417 or go to: <https://leicestershire.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx>

For universal infant free school meals, speak to your child's school.

What is the pupil premium?

The pupil premium is extra funding the government gives to schools to raise the achievement of disadvantaged pupils. The amount a school receives depends on the number of pupils eligible for free school meals.

Parents are encouraged to register their children, even if:

- they do not want to eat school meals
- they already receive universal infant free school meals.

This is in order to raise extra money for the school, which can be used towards extra tuition, learning assistants or after school clubs.

Get in touch

If you have any questions on free school meals or need support with your application, please take a look at the attached information or email: freeschoolmeals@leics.gov.uk or call 0116 305 6588.