

Free school meals

All children in reception, year 1 or year 2 are automatically entitled to school meals under the [Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme](#).

Free school meals for year 3 and above and pupil premium for infant school children

Free school meals is a service that is available when your child first starts school up to the age of 18 as long as they are in full time education. If you think your child would qualify, please apply **even if your child is receiving Universal Infant Free School Meals** as this also offers your school additional funding called Pupil Premium.

Is my child entitled to free school meals?

If you are in receipt of any of the following, your child may be eligible for the free school meals service.

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, with no element of Working Tax Credit, and a household income below £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs)
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit

How do I apply?

Check your eligibility and apply for free school meals using the online form on the Northamptonshire County Council Website www.northamptonshire.gov.uk and enter "Free School Meals" into the search box.

To complete this form you will need one of the following:

- National Insurance number
- National Asylum Seekers Support number

Assistance

If you would like assistance in making your online application please come to the school office between 9 am and 10.30 am on the morning of Monday 16th or Tuesday 17th January and we will be pleased to help you.

To ensure the school receives the Pupil Premium amount in the next annual budget please make your application by Tuesday 17th January. Thank you.