

# free school meals



If you apply and qualify for Free School Meals, your child's school will receive additional funding called Pupil Premium, **up to £1,320 a year**.

Even though all children in Key Stage 1 receive Universal Infant Free School Meals, your child's school can only benefit from Pupil Premium funding if you apply, and are eligible, for Free School Meals. Don't delay the funding ... apply today!

Schools spend the pupil premium money on anything that can help your children do well at school, including trips, activities and extra support.

Applying online only takes a few minutes and, if eligible, your child will continue to receive Free School Meals until:

- The end of Year 6 (if they are in primary school on **31 August 2025**)
- The end of Year 11 (if they are in secondary school on **31 August 2025**)

This is even if your income rises above the threshold at any point during that time.

## Eligibility

To get free school meals you need to be receiving one of the following:

- Universal Credit (up to £7,400 net earned income)
- Income Support
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop working altogether or start to work less than 16 hours per week)
- Child Tax Credit but no element of Working Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190

To apply, visit

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)



If your child attends one of the following schools, you will need to apply direct to the school as they administer their own free school meal:

Thomas Clarkson Academy, City of Peterborough Academy, Gladstone Primary Academy, Newark Hill Academy, Stanground Academy, Thomas Deacon Academy, Welbourne Primary Academy.