



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Recent figures show that in some Shropshire schools as many as 45% of families are failing to claim their entitlement to free school meals. Claiming free school meals is a simple process and it is a right, not a privilege. Free school meals offer variety, are tasty and nutritious and can help your child maintain a healthy balanced diet.

You will be entitled to claim free school meals for your child if you or your partner are receiving:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Employment and Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Child Tax Credit provided you are not receiving Working Tax Credit and you do not have an annual income that exceeds £16,190 (as assessed by H.M. Revenue and Customs)
- Support under Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

If you receive Working Tax Credit, you do not qualify for free school meals.

Children who receive income support or income-based jobseekers allowance in their own right are also entitled to receive free school meals.

If you have recently become unemployed or have reduced your working hours, and have been granted the four week working tax credits run on, then you may be entitled to free school meals.

Due to Local Authority and Government reporting methods, the school actually benefits if everyone who is entitled to free school meals claims them!

So, by applying for your entitlement you will not only save money but you will also benefit the school as a whole.

An application form for Free School Meals will be available in the dining room during the induction evening.

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