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FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS

All children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 are automatically entitled to receive a universal free school meal without you submitting an online application. This is regardless of your income and circumstances and includes Local Authority maintained schools, academies and free schools.

However, if you are in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits listed below * you should still complete an online application as the school is entitled to receive the Pupil Premium for your child. If you do not submit an online form the school cannot apply for the Pupil Premium.

The Pupil Premium is a grant provided by the government for every child that has the right to a free school meal based on the qualifying benefits above and is;

- £1,320 per school year, for each eligible pupil from Reception to Year 6, or

The money is used to support individual pupils and the whole school community.

If you receive one of the qualifying benefits but you don't want your child to receive a free school meal, **we would ask you to still apply so that your child's school receives as much funding as possible.**

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- Universal Credit - Your annual net earned income must be no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to 3 of your most recent assessment periods.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit and your annual income is below £16,190 (as worked out by HM Revenue & Customs)
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999



- parents receiving Working Tax Credit for four weeks after their employment finishes are entitled to free school meals during that period. This also applies to parents who start working less than 16 hours per week

Please apply using the following link

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/doitonline/free-school-meals>

The school meals admin team will then inform school and we will update our records accordingly.

Kind Regards

L Fisher

School Business Manager

