

Free School Meals

Those who are eligible include families who receive;

- Income support, or
- Income-Based Job Seeker's Allowance, or
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance, or
- The Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit), or
- Support under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, or
- Child Tax Credit, if you have an annual taxable income (as assessed by H M Revenue and Customs) which does not exceed £16,190

Pupil Premium: In the 2017 to 2018 financial year, schools will receive funding for each child registered as eligible for free school meals at any point in the last 6 years. £1,320 for primary-aged pupils, £935 for secondary-aged pupils.

Applying for Free School Meals:

In Leeds there is one form used to claim all 3 benefits: council tax benefits, rent allowance, free school meals. As the incentive to fill in this form is so high, this should encourage families to complete the forms and therefore be automatically eligible for free school meals. The Benefits team inform schools on who is eligible at the start of each term, and give weekly updates.

To access a claim form please email lcc.benefits@leeds.gov.uk.

The team can be contacted easily so as schools have the most up to date information on their pupils and can clear up any confusing status'. Call the benefits helpline on **0113 222 4404**. [One Stop Shops](#) are also very useful for supporting families filling out forms and translating.

Visit <http://www.leeds.gov.uk/residents/Pages/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx> to find out more and to download a claim form or contact school reception for further information.