

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - **if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)**

**If your child is eligible for and getting free school meals at any time before 31 March 2022, they'll remain eligible until this date.**

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child might also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

- younger than the compulsory age for starting school
- in full-time education

## Infant free school meals in England

Your child will be able to get free school meals if they're in:

- reception class
- year 1
- year 2

Tell your local authority if you also get any of the qualifying benefits. Your child's school can get extra funding if you do.