

# Free School Meals

The rising cost of living means everyone could use a bit of help. If you are unemployed or on benefits then you may be able to claim free school meals for your child(ren).

The main benefit for claiming free school meals is a lunch entitlement of up to £2.40 per day. Schools are also given additional funding, by the government, for every child who receives free school meals. We then use this additional funding to improve education for all our students.

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods, and your monthly average income over three assessment periods should be no more than £616.67)
- 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 four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

To apply for Free School meals or for any for further information please visit:

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

Applying online is quick and easy to do; you will receive notification of your eligibility immediately.

You only need to apply if your child is NOT currently in receipt of Free School Meals. If your child is already eligible they will remain eligible until they finish secondary school.

If you have any questions regarding this please contact: [koa.office@clf.uk](mailto:koa.office@clf.uk)