**Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding**

All Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) pupils are entitled to receive a free school meal. This is part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) initiative and regardless of what benefits are being claimed.

However, some children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 may also have an entitlement to **benefits-related Free School Meals**. Children in this group are also eligible for **Pupil Premium – additional funding paid to the school to support your child in their learning**. It is important to apply for benefits-related Free School Meals if you think your child may be eligible. This is so that your child’s school can receive this funding. This funding can then go towards free after school sports clubs, free music lessons, help with uniform costs, and half price trip costs among other support at school.

**Free school meals eligibility criteria if you receive benefits**

A child is eligible for free school meals if their parent/carer (or the child themselves) receives any of the following benefits (correct at May 2022):

* 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).
* Income Support (IS)
* Job Seekers' Allowance (Income-Based) and equal based Job Seekers Allowance
* Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA-IR) and equal based Employment and Support Allowance
* Child Tax Credit (CTC) with an annual income of less than £16,190
* Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
* Guarantee Element of Pension Credit (GPC)
* Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA) Supports

For full information and to apply please go to the following webpage:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-meals>

If you are unable to apply online please call the below number and they will call you back to complete a form over the telephone.

For any queries relating to free school meals:

Telephone: 01872 323298

Email: [schoolmeals@cornwall.gov.uk](https://cornwall.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/synergyweb/schoolmeals%40cornwall.gov.uk)