



Beverley School

Empowering Autistic people to lead independent, fulfilling & happy lives

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Dear Parents/Carers

Children may be able to get free school meals if you get at least one of the following:

- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax, and not including any benefits you get)
- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- support under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit - as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and you have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- a 'run-on' of Working Tax Credit (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- From 1 April 2018, everyone getting free school meals will keep getting them while Universal Credit is rolled out. This will apply even if your earnings are above the new threshold during that time.
- Any child who becomes eligible for free school meals after 1 April 2018 will also be protected against losing free school meals during the Universal Credit roll out period.
- Once Universal Credit is fully in place, anyone who no longer meets the eligibility criteria will still get free school meals until the end of their current phase of education (primary or secondary school).
- Transitional protection applies to all children, whether they're eligible through legacy benefits or Universal Credit.
- Transitional protections are put in place on an individual child basis, not on a family basis. This means that younger children will not become entitled to free school meals just because their older sibling is getting transitional protection. The younger child must meet the eligibility criteria at the time the application is made to become eligible for free school meals.
- The introduction of Universal Credit is expected to be completed by March 2023.

All children in Key Stage One (which includes Reception, Year 1, and Year 2) are entitled to free school meals. If you're getting benefits and you meet the eligibility criteria above, your child's school can get extra funding called the Pupil Premium. The school can use this funding to support your child.

If you believe your child is entitled to free school meals, you can apply at:

- <https://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk/benefits-and-council-tax/free-school-meals>
- e-mail fsm@middlesbrough.gov.uk
- Call 01642 726541 (10am-4PM)

If you need any help, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office.

Kind regards School Office Team

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