



All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals (UFSM). However your child may be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) if your receive any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker'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<sup>st</sup> April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

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

Your child may also receive free school meals if you are entitled to any of these benefits and your child is both:

- Younger than the compulsory school age
- In full-time education

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary)

## **How to apply**

**To apply online visit:**

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/social-care-and-supporting-families/free-school-meals>

**Alternatively to apply via phone or email please see below:**

Phone: 0116 305 5417

Email: [freeschoolmeals@leics.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@leics.gov.uk)