

**We know from our records that a number of parents do not claim for their entitlement of a Free School Meal for their children which not only removes the opportunity for them to receive a free daily meal (in years 3,4,5 & 6) but also loses money for the school.**

Even though children in Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 have a free school meal automatically

**all eligible children in every year group are asked to claim free school meals.**

**For every child who is entitled to free school meals the school receives £1300 a year for their whole time at Primary school.**

### Where to go for more information

#### Contact the school

If you have any questions about free school meals, please speak to us in the school office.

#### External sources

The government's website has information about who is eligible for free school meals, as well as information on how to apply.

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

#### Apply for free school meals here

<http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=25811>

Hand the form into the school office if you would like us to process it for you.

## Free school meals and the pupil premium

**PLEASE CLAIM IF YOU  
THINK THAT YOU MAY  
BE ENTITLED TO PUPIL  
PREMIUM FUNDING. IT  
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THE SCHOOL**



## Which pupils qualify for free school meals?

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit

In addition, schools must provide free school meals to all pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2. This is known as universal infant free school meals.

## What are the benefits of claiming free school meals?

School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime, and they can also save you time and money.

Claiming free school meals also helps the school. We get extra funding, known as the 'pupil premium', for every eligible pupil who is registered.

## What is the pupil premium?

The pupil premium grant is funding provided to schools to help all pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation.

Pupils may be eligible if they:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point since May 2010
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

## How is the pupil premium funding used?

The pupil premium is not used to pay for school meals. Schools use the funding to improve the attainment of pupils who are eligible.

You will find more information about how we use our pupil premium funding on our website.

## How can I ensure the school gets the funding?

The more eligible pupils that are registered for free school meals, the more funding the school receives.

Registering does not mean your child has to take up free school meals if they don't want to.

You should still register for free school meals even if:

- Your child already receives universal infant free school meals in R Y1 or Y2 class
- You would rather your child had a different meal, such as a packed lunch

### How to register for free school meals/pupil premium funding:

Apply online

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

or just pick up a form from the school office!