

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

We want to make sure as many eligible pupils as possible are claiming their free school meals during these times of difficulty. This will be a huge support to many families, and it is important that you apply if eligible. All the information is below, including how to apply.

School are given a pupil premium for:

Children in Reception to Year 6 who are, or have ever been, entitled to free school meals based on their family income: £1320 per pupil, per school year.

Information on our website shows how we use this as a school -

<https://www.phoenixinfant.co.uk/pupil-premium-1/> to support the children.

We use the Department for Education's free school meals eligibility checking system to determine eligibility. Parents only need to provide their National Insurance Number or National Asylum Support Service Reference Number, surname and date of birth.

Qualifying benefits

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

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earning from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after the person stops qualifying for Working

Tax Credit)

Registering for free school meals

Register online. https://emsonline.nottsccl.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login#

or call FSM on 0300 500 80 80 The information needed to register includes, personal details (including national insurance number and date of birth) for the parent/carer child's details in full including their date of birth and the school they attend. If eligible for free school meals start date will normally be within two working days of parents contacting us and entitlement being verified.