

Do You Think You May Be Eligible For Free School Meals?

If you are eligible for a claim, we encourage you to do so as this will provide additional funding for the school



Free School Meals (FSM)

To qualify for Free School Meals, parents and carers must meet the criteria detailed below and then complete a simple online application form on <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals>

Additional funding for the school under FSM is known as Pupil Premium which helps subsidise clubs as well as class and residential trips. Pupil Premium is also open to those families in the Armed Forces.

The criteria to claim for FSMs must be that you receive any of the following:

- Targeted Eligibility if you receive Universal Credit with a household income of £7,400 (£616.67 per month) or less.
- Expanded Eligibility criteria if you receive Universal Credit with a household income more than £7,400.
- Income Support.
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance.
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit.
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit or have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed £16,190.
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' (the payment you may receive for a further four weeks after you have stopped qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

Universal Free School Meals (UFSM) - All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be eligible for a hot school meal free of charge. No application required with no additional funding to the school.