

Benefits of registering for Free School Meals

Although your child will be entitled to receive Universal Free School Meals through a government funded scheme where all infant age pupils are entitled to a hot school meal free of charge regardless of individual financial circumstances. It is still essential that if you are entitled to income related free school meals you apply as greater benefits will be received for your child, your child's school and yourself.

The approval of a Free School Meals application would entitle a child to:-

Free milk - in First, Primary or Special school milk at break-time will be free for the time the child is entitled to free school meals. The child's school will make the appropriate arrangements for the free milk.

Help with curriculum related residential trips or school visits - The child's school will make the appropriate arrangements for this service.

Help with music tuition and instruments - Parents can claim a refund of £3.00 per session from the costs when 7 of the 10 classes have been attended by the student. The child's school will make the appropriate arrangements for this service.

The above are not included in the governments universal free meals to children up to Year 2. To access these benefits families must be in receipt of a qualifying benefit and must have an approved Free School Meal claim with Northumberland County Council.

As long as family circumstances don't change the claim will already be set up for children entering Year 3.

The school will receive extra funding, which will benefit all children

If you are in receipt of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with household income less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Child Tax Credit with NO Working Tax Credit (Income below £16,190)
- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guaranteed Element of Pension Credit
- The Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 supported by a letter from the Asylum team

PLEASE APPLY, TO BENEFIT YOU, YOUR CHILD, AND YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL

For more Information contact the Free School Meals Team at Northumberland County Council

Apply Online on the Northumberland County Council Website
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