

Could your child be entitled to **FREE SCHOOL MEALS?**

Is your child registered for free school meals but not taking them? You could be missing out on what you're entitled to. You could save around £400 per child per year through claiming free school meals.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (you need to have an annual net earned income of £7,400 or below, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and support Allowance
- Support from NASS (National Asylum Support Service) under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit with a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) and do not get Working Tax Credit run-on (paid 4 weeks after someone stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Children who get any of the above benefits in their own right (i.e. they get benefits paid directly, instead of through a parent or guardian) can also get free school meals.

You can apply for free school meals in the following way:

Online at: <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/home/schools-childcare/school-meals>

- Fill in a form at your child's school and return it to them
- For more information or to make an application contact Sheffield City Council Customer Services on 0114 2734567 (option 4, then option 3)

Universal Infant Free School Meals

If a child attends a state funded infant/primary school and is in Reception/Key Stage 1, they are entitled to 'universal infant free school meals' regardless of their parent/carer's income.

