FREE SCHOOL MEALS

WHO CAN GET FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

Your child/children could get free meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

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

If your child/children is eligible for free school meals, please contact the school your youngest child attends, even if you do not wish to take up the offer of a free school meal, as this affects the level of funding both the school and the Authority receives.

HOW TO APPLY

- Complete your details on the form below and return to the school of your youngest
- All claims for free school meals will be treated in the strictest confidence and handled sensitively by the school.

Child's details (youngest child first)

Name	Date of Birth	School

Claimant's details

Surname:	Forename:
Relationship: (eg Parent, Guardian, Carer)	
Address:	
Telephone Number:	
Income Support Number:	
Benefit Type:	
National Insurance Number:	
Date of Birth:	

Declaration: I wish to apply for Free School Meals for the above named child/children

I hereby give consent to a check for Free School Meals eligibility, via Durham County Council and the Department of Education's online service which includes data from HMRC and DWP. I understand that it is my responsibility to inform the school if I no longer receive the relevant benefit. If I receive sums in excess of my entitlement I agree to repay this amount to the school.

Parent/Carer's Signature……………………………..   Dated………………………..

Print Name: ………………………………………………..