



Is your child entitled to a free school meal ?

Free school meals

You can get free school meals if you are responsible for a child (for example, you receive Child Benefit for them) who is still at school - including nursery children who attend full days and sixth form students - as long as you get one of these qualifying incomes:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Universal Credit
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not 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

If you have a query about free school meals you can email benefitsfsm@stockport.gov.uk.

Apply for free school meals

To apply for free school meals please follow the link below.

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/free-school-meals/apply-school-grants-free-school-meals>

Key Stage One children

All reception, year 1 and year 2 pupils are entitled to receive a free meal at lunchtime. For the school year starting in September 2017 this benefits children born between September 2010 and August 2013.

If your child is in this age group but is also eligible for free school meals because you receive one of the qualifying benefits we still need you to apply for these as normal.

This is because schools receive a 'pupil premium' payment (up to £1,300) for each eligible child which they can spend on resources which will benefit your child's education.