

**Is your child eligible for free school lunches, but you haven't yet claimed this help?
Act now!**

Some parents are able to claim for free school lunches but choose not to, perhaps because their child prefers to eat a packed lunch, because of the hassle of filling in the paperwork, or for a range of other reasons.

Now there is an extra incentive to apply! You may not be aware, but as from next Easter the school will be able to access extra money to support children in receipt of Free School Meals, to enable them to benefit from a range of **free** activities, including school trips, clubs and activities.

HOWEVER, your child must be registered for free school lunches by Christmas, so apply now!

The more people who are entitled to and register for free school meals, the more funding we will be able to access. It is therefore vital that you register for Free School Meals even if you continue to send your children with packed lunches.

You can apply for free school lunches if you receive any of the following benefits:

Income Support *or*

Income Based Job Seekers Allowance *or*

Child Tax Credit, - so long as you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) does not exceed £16,040 *or*

Guarantee element of State Pension Credit *or*

Support under part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999

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Note: From 1 May 2009 where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after their employment ceases, or after they start to work less than 16 hours per week, their children are entitled to free school lunches

TO APPLY, you need to complete an application form (available from the school office) or by calling 01480 372307 or 01480 372308, or visit the County Council web page and do it online.

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/education/parents/help/lunches/>

Please don't leave it too late you must apply before Christmas if you would like your child to benefit from additional funding for activities next year. Ask in school if you need help completing the form.