

Claiming free school meals and Pupil premium funding

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

If you think any of the above criteria apply to you, please contact Central Beds council to register for free school meals. It is an easy process and the link is below or call:

0300 300 8306.

https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/53/benefits/4/free_school_meals/3

You will need the following information when you call or use the link:

- **National Insurance numbers and dates of birth for you and your partner**
- **dates of birth for your children**
- **if you receive support from the National Asylum Support Service, your NASS number**

Registering for free meals will also allocate additional funding into school to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities.

This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed above and we decide in school how best to allocate this funding to benefit all of the students in receipt of pupil premium funding.

Your sincerely,

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