



Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

Are you Eligible?

All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to a free school meal at lunchtime. They do not have to have a dinner; you can provide packed lunch if you prefer.

Under certain circumstances however, you can make an application for a free meal entitlement, which brings benefits to yourself and the school, which last for 6 years, whether or not your circumstances change. The school receives an annual payment known as Pupil Premium for every child registered. This money can help to fund enrichment activities and school trips for your child and will entitle you to free school uniform items.

Your child will get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit **but no element of Working Tax Credit** and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenues & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- If you are supported under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after your employment finishes or after you start to work less hours per week
- Universal Credit

To check if your child is eligible you can call: **01473 260989** (Suffolk Schools Free School Meal Advice)

Applications can only be made online from the suffolk.gov.uk website