

Please see the link to apply for Free School Meals (FSMs) via West Sussex County Council. Eligibility will depend on what other benefits you might be entitled to. Unfortunately, schools have no say in this process.

Once entitlement is confirmed, a daily allowance of £2.35, the equivalent to the cost of the hot meal of the day - main dish and dessert, is added to your child's biometric account. You can, of course, top this up if you wish. Our cashless biometric payment system gives complete anonymity to anyone in receipt of FSMs.

Eligibility to FSMs also gives access to extra government Pupil Premium funding which the school receives. This enables us to help your child to have a positive experience at school and achieve their best outcomes, by providing additional resources to support their learning, such as intervention teachers, contributions towards curriculum trips and other educational equipment.

Don't miss out...

### **Is my child eligible?**

From 1 April 2018, free school meals in all West Sussex maintained and free schools and academies are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- [Universal Credit](#) (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- [Income Support](#)
- Income-based [Jobseeker's 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 four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.