

Free School Meals Information

There are two types of Free School Meals, Universal Infant Free School Meals and Free School Meals due to the family's situation.

	Universal Infant FSM	Benefit Related / Immigration Status qualifying FSM
Eligibility Criteria	Based on child's school year: Reception, Year 1 & Year 2	Parents must be in receipt of qualifying benefits or have qualifying immigration status, see next page. Families with children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 need to apply to get the other benefits listed below.
Do I need to apply?	No, just inform your school you wish for your child to receive these meals.	Yes, online application for parents on benefits at: https://emsi.worcestershire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en or use the QR code below, same account as you used to apply for your child's school place. Parents eligible through immigration status, your child's school can get a paper application form for you to complete.
Eligible for Pupil Premium (extra funds to support your child at this school)	No	Yes – once eligible for Free School Meals your school will claim this for your child.
School Holiday Vouchers	No	Yes – via your school's office.
Holiday Activity Fund	No	Yes – register your child at www.haf-it.co.uk
Clothing Grant – at participating schools	No	Yes – speak to the school office.
Protected status	Finishes at the end of year 2	Yes – your child will remain eligible until at least Summer 2025 and will only be rechecked on a regular basis when they move up to the next school after this date.



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Benefit related criteria

- Universal Credit, and your annual household income is £7,400 per annum (£616 per month) or less after tax, and not including any benefits.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act, 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual income is less than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Income-based Employment and Support Allowance
- Working Tax Credit run-on

Immigration status

- Zambrano carers
- families who have no recourse to public funds with a right to remain in the UK on grounds of private and family life under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights
- families receiving support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 who are also subject to a no recourse to public funds restriction
- a subset of failed asylum seekers supported under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Chen carers
- families holding a [BN\(O\) passport](#)
- spousal visa holders
- work visa holders
- student visa holders
- those with no immigration status

Families must also meet the following financial criteria:

- £22,700 for families with 1 child
- £26,300 for families with 2 or more children
- No more than £16,000 in capital and savings

