

SCHOOL MEALS/UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEALS/INCOME RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS

There are currently two free school meal schemes; Universal Infant Free School Meals and Income Related Free School Meals.

The scheme to provide free school meals to all children attending Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 is called Universal Infant Free School Meals, and you may see the abbreviation UIFSMs used.

Income related free school meals (IRFSM)

It is vital that families still register their eligibility with the Free School Meals Team, if they meet the criteria set out below, even if their child falls within the UIFSMs classes as above.

This is important to the funding schools receive, as a specific fund called Pupil Premium is generated by this registered eligibility. This will amount to £1320 per eligible pupil. This funding is used to support eligible pupils with their education. A full report on Pupil Premium can be found on our website.

Please be assured that staff at Goostrey Community Primary School do not receive information about individual circumstances from Cheshire East. We are simply notified of eligibility and start and end dates. Children cannot be identified in any way to other pupils. If you have any queries regarding this information please speak to our School Business Manager, Mrs Schurer-Lewis.

You can claim free school meals for each child who attends school in Cheshire East if you receive one of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and do not get Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit with no earned income or with net monthly earnings less than £616.67

Please call the Cheshire East Schools Team on 0300 123 5012 for advice.