

School Meals/Universal Infant Free School Meals/Free School Meals

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

The Universal Infant Free School Meals initiative provides meals to all children attending Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. You may see the abbreviation UIFSMs used.

Income Related Free School Meals

It is vital that families register their eligibility for Income Related Free School Meals, if they meet the criteria set out below, even if their child is in Rec/Y1 or Y2, as this generates a specific fund called Pupil Premium, which is currently £1455 per eligible pupil. This funding is invaluable to school and makes a real difference to our pupils through additional equipment or resources.

A full report on Pupil Premium can be found on our website.

Please be assured that staff do not receive information about individual circumstances. 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.

Income related free school meals (IRFSM)

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

Phone 0300 123 5012 for further information and help.

Claim on-line: http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/free_school_meals.aspx