



Free school meal eligibility form



Dear Parent/Carer,

Our school receives funding from the Government to cover the costs of providing education. This can include all school running costs, such as employing teachers and support staff, books and equipment, computers, expenses on our school building and free school meals.

The school receives additional funding (known as the pupil premium) for pupils whose families receive certain benefits.

It is in all our interests that we bring in as much money as we can to support our school and ensure all of our children get the best possible education. To help your child and your school, we can do a very quick eligibility check for this additional funding via Durham County Council.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- 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 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 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Registering not only provides your child with free healthy meals every lunchtime, but also raises additional funds for the school from the government. This money is used by the school to offer pupils invaluable additional support.

To check whether your child is eligible, please complete the form overleaf and return to the school.

Thank you for your support and for helping to make sure the school receives as much funding as possible to give every pupil the support and education they deserve.

If you have any questions, please contact the school via email:
easingtonce@durhamlearning.net or telephone on 0191 5270259.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Appleby

Head Teacher



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About your child/children

Child's surname	Child's first name	Child's date of birth	Name of school

About you

	Parent/Carer one	Parent/Carer two
Surname		
First name		
Date of birth		
National Insurance number		
National Asylum Support Service (NASS) number	/ /	/ /
Daytime telephone number		
Mobile number		
Address		
	Postcode:	Postcode:

Family income and benefits

If you receive any of the benefits listed below, please place an X in this box.

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from NASS under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit



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Universal Credit

If you are in receipt of **Universal Credit**, please place an X in the appropriate box to indicate whether your net earned family income is over £7,400 per year.

Your net earned income is your household income after taxes and deductions. It does **not** include income through Universal Credit or other benefits that you may receive.

Yes No Unsure

Child Tax Credit

If you are in receipt of **Child Tax Credit**, please place an X in the appropriate box to indicate whether your joint gross annual income is over £16,190 per year.

Joint gross annual income is your household income before taxes are taken into account.

Yes No Unsure

If you're not sure whether you receive one of the listed benefits, or what your household income is, but you would still like us to check whether your child is eligible for free school meals, please place an X in this box.

Declaration

The information I have given on this form is complete and accurate. I understand that my personal information is held securely and will be used only for local authority (LA) purposes. I agree to the LA using this information to process my application for free school meals. I also agree to notify the LA in writing of any change in my family's financial circumstances as set out in this form.

Signature of parent/carer: _____ Date: _____

How your information will be used

The information you provide in this form will be used by the school to confirm receipt of one of the listed welfare benefits. Once this has been confirmed, they will use this information to decide how much money we receive each year.

The information will also be used in relation to pupils to decide whether they are eligible for free school meals.

You only need to complete this form once and it will last for the duration of your child's time at the school. You should contact the school if you have a change in financial circumstances.

The school is committed to ensuring that the personal and sensitive information that they hold about you is protected and kept safe and secure, and they have measures in place to prevent the loss, misuse or alteration of your personal information. The school will use the information you provide to assess entitlement to free school meals. The information may also be shared by the LA with other LA departments to offer benefits and services.