

The Benefits of Free School Meals and Uniform Grant



Free School Meals: *SMILE - School Meals Improve Learning Environments*

- **Nutritional Support:** Free school meals ensure that your child receives nutritious and balanced meals daily. Proper nutrition is crucial for their physical health and development.
- **Academic Performance:** Well-nourished children are better able to focus and engage in their studies. Access to regular meals positively impacts academic performance, helping your child reach their full potential.
- **Equal Opportunities:** Free school meals promote equality among pupils. By participating, you contribute to creating an environment where every child has the same opportunities, regardless of their economic background.
- **Reducing Stigma:** The initiative aims to reduce any stigma associated with receiving free meals. It is not about financial status; it is about ensuring all children have the resources they need for success.
- **Financial Relief:** Entitlement to free school meals can provide financial relief for your family. By taking advantage of this support, you can allocate resources to other essential needs.

Free Meal Value - Day	£2.80
Free Meal Value - Academic Year (185 days)	£518
Free Meal Value – Five Academic Years	£2590

- **Community Support:** Signing up for free school meals is a way to tap into the support of your school community. It is a collective effort to ensure that every child is cared for and given the best chance to thrive.
- **Healthy Habits:** By applying, you instil the importance of healthy eating habits in your child. This has a lasting impact on their overall health and well-being.
- **Focus on Education:** Free school meals help eliminate a potential distraction for your child. When basic needs are met, they can focus on learning, growing, and enjoying their educational experience.

Uniform Grant: **UNITY - Uniforms Nurture Inclusivity, Teamwork and Youthfulness**



- **Inclusivity:** School uniforms create a sense of equality among pupils by eliminating visible distinctions based on clothing. The uniform grant will enable your child to feel equal.
- **School Safety:** Uniforms help to identify pupils within the school premises, enhancing overall safety and security. Entitlement will ensure safety is paramount.
- **Financial Relief:** Entitlement to the uniform grant can contribute to your child's school uniform and PE kit.

Pupil under 15 years old	£61.20
Over 15 years old	£67.20

FSM and Uniform Grant Entitlement

Qualifying Benefits	Details
Income Support, Income Based Jobseekers' Allowance, Income Related Employment / Support Allowance OR Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit	In receipt of the benefit at time of application.
Tax Credit	Annual taxable household income of £16,190 or less
Universal Credit	Net household earnings not exceeding £14,000 per year.
Special Educational Needs and Special Diet	If your child has a statement of special educational needs and is designated to require a special diet.