



# Free school meals

Could your child be entitled to a

**FREE**

**school meal?**

If you are in receipt of benefits, your child could be entitled to a free school meal and you could save up to £380 per year.

School meals provide a healthy, nutritious and tasty meal and a school lunch has shown to improve levels of concentration.



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As well as being a good thing for your child, your child's school will also receive extra funding through the Government's Pupil Premium Grant which can help fund valuable support including extra tuition, additional support staff or after-school activities.

If your child goes to a Luton school and you are receiving any of the benefits below, your child could be entitled to a free school meal.

- **Universal Credit** with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- **Child Tax Credit** (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- **Income Support** or **Jobseeker's Allowance**
- Income-related **Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Guarantee Pension Credit**
- Support from **National Asylum Support Service (NASS)**

You could also be entitled to free school meals if you are aged between 16 – 18 and you are receiving benefits or tax credits in your own right.

From 1 April 2018, all new & existing free school meals pupils will continue to receive free school meals whilst Universal Credit is rolled out.

This applies even if they no longer meet the eligibility criteria during that time. This protection will continue until 2023.



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