



Is your child eligible for Free School Meals and Holiday Vouchers?

Currently pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are all entitled to a free school meal, which is paid for by Government funding. This provision is called Universal Free School Meals or UFSM.

In addition to this universal funding, parents in low income families or those that are unemployed can also apply for Free School Meals and their school receives extra funding called Pupil Premium.

Since the Coronavirus (Covid-19) lockdown, families with children eligible for free school meals were offered grocery packs from school and supermarket food vouchers. North Lincolnshire Council also provided vouchers to all eligible families to cover the October half term.

Children are eligible if their family receives one of the following:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

If your child qualifies for free school meals you may also receive a school clothing grant.

If your financial circumstances have recently changed due to coronavirus (Covid 19) please contact Free School Meals to check your child's eligibility.

You can contact by email at fsm@northlincs.gov.uk or telephone 01724 297217 or online using the link:

<https://www.northlincs.gov.uk/schools-libraries-and-learning/school-food-and-free-school-meals/>

If you need help and advice about money or you are worried about providing food for your family there are people who can help:

- Trussell Trust - useful information about accessing food banks, check you are claiming the correct benefits and possible grants you may be entitled to.
- Crosby Community Association
- Citizens Advice North Lincolnshire

You can also speak to Mrs Hill in school for advice and signposting to support services. Any conversations will be treated in the strictest confidence.