

# Applying for free school meals

Find out if you're eligible for meal support while your child isn't attending school, and how to apply.

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## Who's eligible?

Our school is providing meal support for pupils who would usually receive benefits-related free school meals in school.

You're eligible for meal support if your child is between 5 and 16 years old and if you receive any of the following benefits:

- 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 (if 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, which is paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for working tax credit
- Universal credit - if you applied for it 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)

If you've started receiving any of these benefits since the coronavirus outbreak, you're eligible for meal support.

**Please note:** we only receive funding for pupils who get food support because their parents receive any of the benefits listed above. If your child usually receives universal infant free school meals you will not be eligible.

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## How to apply

- Visit <https://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/Pages/free-school-meals.aspx> and complete the online application form.
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## How will I receive the meals?

Once the school receives confirmation that you are eligible:

- You will receive a code for a single voucher of £15 each week per eligible child via email
- You can redeem this code for an e voucher to spend in Tesco, Morrisons, Asda, Sainsbury's, Waitrose or M&S Food on appropriate food and drink for your child