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Free School Meals

Every child in Reception Year 1 and Year 2 is entitled to a free school meal but did you know...

all children from Nursery to Year 4, including your child, and their school may be able to get extra help, if you get one of the qualifying 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 (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 paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

We encourage all parents to apply for Free School Meals during their Reception Year, so Newcastle City Council can assess whether your child and their school can receive this extra help. This can help to pay towards the cost of trips for your child and any support received in school.

If you are eligible for free school meals, vouchers are issued during holiday times for the supermarket of your choice!

Newcastle City Council operates an Apply Once process for Free School Meals. During your child's academic life, you will only ever have to apply once for Free School Meals while they attend a Newcastle school.

If your application is refused, they will continue to check your details on a weekly basis, unless you tell them to stop. This means we will know if you start to get a qualifying benefit. They will approve your child's free school meals application and contact you.

If you apply through the online portal, you will receive an immediate response to your application. School will be informed of your child's Free School Meal application on a weekly basis.

Please apply online here https://www.newcastlelea.org/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

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Having fun, learning together.
Curious, caring, creative and courageous.

