

School meals

Difference between Universal Infant Free School Meals & Free School Meals

Your child will be eligible for Universal Free School Meals (UiFSM) up until the end of year of year 2, this is different to Free School Meals. You do not need to apply for UiFSM apart from registering with our meal provider Black Pepper and ordering the meal in advance, each term. However, if you do meet any of the benefit related criteria as listed below, then you will be eligible to claim free school meals.

Benefit Criteria:

- *Universal Credit, and your annual household income is £7,400 per annum (£616 per month) or less after tax, and not including any benefits.*
- *Income Support*
- *Income-based Jobseekers Allowance*
- *Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act, 1999*
- *Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual income is less than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC*
- *Guaranteed Pension Credit*
- *Income-based Employment and Support Allowance*
- *Working Tax Credit run-*

It is beneficial to the school and to you if you apply for free school meals, in order that you will be able to receive assistance in other areas. In addition, the school will receive additional funding which can be used to purchase resources, 1:1 tutoring, assistance with trips etc. To apply for free school meals please use this link:

https://emsi.worcestershire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en

Free School meals applications are confidential and will remain with the child beyond year 2 until such time as the parent's circumstances change.