Free School Meals Information

There are two types of Free School Meals, Universal Infant Free School Meals and Free School Meals due to the families' situation.

	Universal Infant FSM	**Benefit Related / Immigration Status qualifying FSM**
Eligibility Criteria	Based on child's school year: Reception, Year 1 & Year 2	Parents must be in receipt of qualifying benefits or have qualifying immigration status, see next page. Families with children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 need to apply to get the other benefits listed below.
Do I need to apply?	No, just inform your school you wish for your child to receive these meals.	Yes, online application for parents on benefits at: https://emsi.worcestershire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en or use the QR code below, same account as you used to apply for your child's school place. Parents eligible through immigration status, your child's school can get a paper application form for you to complete.
Eligible for Pupil Premium (extra funds to support your child at this school)	No	Yes – once eligible for Free School Meals your school will claim this for your child.
School Holiday Vouchers	No	Yes – via your school's office.
Holiday Activity Fund	No	Yes – register your child at www.haf-it.co.uk
Clothing Grant – at participating schools	No	Yes – speak to the school office.
Protected status	Finishes at the end of year 2	Yes – your child will remain eligible until at least Summer 2025 and will only be rechecked on a regular basis when they move up to the next school after this date.

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Benefit related 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-on

Immigration status

- Zambrano carers
- families who have no recourse to public funds with a right to remain in the UK on grounds of private and family life under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights
- families receiving support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 who are also subject to a no recourse to public funds restriction
- a subset of failed asylum seekers supported under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Chen carers
- families holding a BN(O) passport
- spousal visa holders
- work visa holders
- student visa holders
- those with no immigration status

Families must also meet the following financial criteria:

- £22,700 for families with 1 child
- £26,300 for families with 2 or more children
- No more than £16,000 in capital and savings

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