



Free School Meals



AN INFORMATION SHEET BY THE TRAVELLER MOVEMENT

All children should have access to nutritious meals during the school day. However, families with low incomes may need support to meet their child's need for school meals.

The government requires all schools to provide free school meals to pupils who meet any of the following criteria. Free school meals are available to pupils, or whose parents are, receiving one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400)
- 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 are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on

Check if your child is eligible for free school meals in England and learn how to apply through your local authority's website.

If you are having trouble applying for free school meals or need assistance, contact your child's school for support with the application to ensure your child receives their meals.