

Application for Free School Meals

If you are on benefits or a low income, your child may be eligible for free school meals.

Did you know for every child who is entitled to free school meals (FSM) the school receives a funding called Pupil Premium. This adds to the school budget and is used to support the children. Therefore, we would welcome parents to support school, in this current economic climate, by applying for FSM for their child if they meet the criteria, even if your child prefers to have a pack up at lunchtime.

Please contact the office if you need help/advice completing the FSM application.

Who can get free school meals?

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

Children in Year 3 or above, are only eligible for free school meals if their parents or carers are entitled to benefits, and they make an application for free school meals.

Children who receive free school meals in primary school will still get them when they move to secondary school.

Asylum seekers

If you are currently receiving National Asylum Seekers Support (NASS), you do not need to fill in a claim form for free school meals.

Please take your Home Office letter to your child's school, and they will contact Welfare and Benefits on your behalf. The letter should confirm your:

- name
- date of birth
- nine digit NASS Reference Number

How to apply for free school meals

If you think your child could be eligible for free school meals, you can apply in one of two ways.

If you pay council tax in Leeds

If you live in Leeds and you do not already receive Housing Benefit or Council Tax Support, you will need to complete our [online form](#).

<https://leeds-hbnewclaim.egovhub.net/HBNewClaim/launch>

If you do not pay council tax in Leeds

If you are not charged council tax in Leeds but your child attends a Leeds school, please complete the attached Free School Meal claim form. You can return the completed form to your child's school, to any Council One Stop Centre or Community Hub in the city, or post it to us directly at the following address:

Welfare and Benefits (FSM Claims)
Leeds City Council
PO Box 911
Leeds
LS1 9WJ

Free School Milk

Children under the age of 5 in Nursery and FS2 (Reception) are eligible for a free carton of milk every day until the term the child has their 5th birthday:

If your child's 5th birthday is between **01.09.22 to 16.12.22** you will need to pay for milk from 07/09/22.

If your child's 5th birthday is between **17.12.22 to 31.03.23** you will need to pay for milk from 03/01/23.

If your child's 5th birthday is between **01.04.23 to 25.07.23** you will need to pay for milk from 17/04/23.

If your child's 5th birthday is after the **26.07.23**, then milk is free for the entire school year.

All children who are eligible for free school meals (this is NOT the Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme) can also get a free carton of milk. Please contact your child's school for details of their offer. Other offers and support

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they may also be entitled to free school travel. [Find out more about the eligibility criteria and apply through WY Metro.](#)

<https://www.wymetro.com/schools/statutory-free-school-travel/free-school-travel-in-leeds/>

Children who are eligible for a free school meal can also get a free Breeze Pass to get discounts, priority bookings, VIP experiences and offers at activities and events at various venues across the city. [Apply for your free Breeze pass on the Leeds Ticket Hub.](#)

<https://my.leadstickethub.co.uk/account/login?returnurl=/account/update>

Find more [help with food and bills](#) at <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/benefits/help-with-food-and-bills>

You can also find [further support through the Money Information Centre.](#)
<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/leedsmic>