



Is your child eligible for Free School Meals?

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit combined with both a household income below £16,190 and not in receipt of any Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Support under part VI of the immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2022.

What to do next?

You can:

- Apply online at <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/link2ict>.
- Download an application form from our school website. This can be found in Parents/Carers – Free School Meals section.
- Request a paper application form from the Academy reception.

If your application for Free School Meals is successful, Blue Coat Church of England Academy will also receive extra funding from the Government to use in support of teaching and learning.