



Northamptonshire County Council

## **Free School Meals**

### **My child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year2**

All children in reception, year 1 or year 2 are automatically entitled to free school meals under the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme.

You will need to find out from the school how to order and access the meals.

Contact your child's school directly if you have any other questions about the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme.

### **Pupil Premium - extra support for your child**

You can apply for the Pupil Premium which provides your child's school with additional funding to support them

### **My child in in Year 3 or above**

If you are in receipt of any of the following, your child may be eligible for free school meals.

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, with no element of Working Tax Credit, and a household income below £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs)
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit

If a child resides in a local authority care home they will **not** qualify for free school meals. This is because government funding has already been allocated to fund their meals.

### **How do I apply?**

To apply for Free School Meals/Pupil Premium please complete an online form which will give you an instant decision. Please see below link:

[www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

### **Contact**

To contact the Free School Meals team the best and quickest way is to pop us an email to [freeschoolmeals@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@northamptonshire.gov.uk) We will aim to respond in no longer than 3 working days.