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[Pupil Premium and School Dinner Charges from September 2024](#)

Dear Y2 Parents and Carers,

As your child enters Y3 in September 2024, they will no longer be entitled to universal free school meals and therefore any school meal ordered will be chargeable by Sheffield City Council, unless your child received free school meals under the current benefits system.

Who is Eligible For Free School Meals?

Free school meals are a statutory benefit. This means that if you qualify you have a legal right to free school meals for your child or children.

You are eligible for free school meals if your children are registered at a Sheffield school, the parent or carer receives child benefit for the children and the parent or carer receives one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and do not get Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

If you would like further information, please search 'free school meals' at <https://www.sheffield.gov.uk/schools-childcare/school-meals>



Apply for free school meals

You can apply by:

- completing an online application
- asking the school to apply on your behalf
- contacting Sheffield City Council

Automatic Award for Free School Meals

- Sheffield City Council (SCC) have been looking at the Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support information that they already hold and found that a significant number of households may meet the criteria for free school meals but have not yet made an application.
- SCC want to increase the Pupil Premium funding for all academies and locally maintained schools in Sheffield, so Housing Benefit data already held is automatically used to award free school meals during August and September.

Extra Funding to support your child's education-Pupil Premium

School also receives a pupil premium for children who are in receipt of free school meals. Currently £1345 is allocated to each pupil premium child which is used to support learning in school.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you,

Mrs Eagleton

