

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS – Exceptional Support

Your child is eligible for free school meals if you or your partner receive one of the qualifying benefits.

### What are the qualifying benefits?

You will be entitled to apply for free school meals for your child if you or your partner receive one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (see [information on new eligibility criteria](#) below)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- The guaranteed part of State Pension Credit
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (providing you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by the Inland Revenue)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

### ***New eligibility criteria - Universal Credit***

*From 1st April 2018, the Department for Education made amendments to the eligibility criteria for free school meals to reflect the roll out of Universal Credit full service.*

*From this date onwards your child will only be eligible for free schools meals under Universal Credit if you and your partner have net earned income of less than £7,400 per year (assessed from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).*

*The Universal Credit rollout is currently expected to be completed by March 2022.*

Personal Information			
Application on behalf of:		Student Name:	
Your Details:		Partners Details:	
Title:		Title:	
Surname/Last Name:		Surname/Last Name:	
Forename(s):		Forename(s):	
Your address:		Your address:	
Post Code:		Post Code:	
Contact Phone Number:		Contact Phone Number:	
E-Mail Address:		E-Mail Address:	
NI No.		NI No.	
Nationality:		Nationality:	
Criteria	Adult 1	Criteria	Adult 2
	Tick as appropriate		Tick as appropriate
Universal Credit (See Guidance)		Universal Credit (See Guidance)	
Income Support		Income Support	
Income-based Jobseekers Allowance		Income-based Jobseekers Allowance	
Income-related Employment Support Allowance		Income-related Employment Support Allowance	
Child Tax Credit (provided you are <u>not</u> working/not entitled to Working Tax Credit) and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190		Child Tax Credit (provided you are <u>not</u> working/not entitled to Working Tax Credit) and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190	
State Pension Credit (guarantee credit only)		State Pension Credit (guarantee credit only)	
Working Tax Credit run-on (paid 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)		Working Tax Credit run-on (paid 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)	
Support under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999		Support under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999	

### Parent/Guardian Declaration

- I/we declare that the information given is accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge
- All income/benefit sources are shown and evidence is available and will be provided when requested

**Completed by:** .....

**Date:** .....

**Parent/Guardian Signature** ..... **Date**.....

**Parent/Guardian Name:** .....

#### **Returning your application.**

Completed applications and supporting evidence should be returned to

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