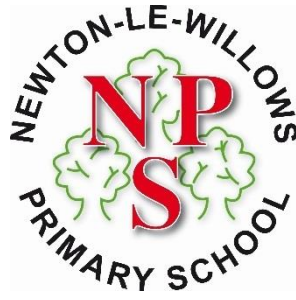


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Nurture the Potential to Succeed

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Dear Parents and Carers

Apply for Free School Meals...

it's quick and easy using the online form at:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

If you are receiving certain benefits, a FREE tasty and nutritious school meal is available for your children at Newton Primary School ...**BUT YOU MUST APPLY!**

Look at the benefits:

- A free school meal for your child, which is good for their health and could help their learning.
- Savings for you, worth over £507 a year.
- Extra money for the school through Pupil Premium, worth at least £1,300 a year.

Remember, just registering your child for Free School Meals means that Newton Primary School receives the extra money even if you don't take up the free meal. No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

If you want further information then please talk to Miss Dale, Mrs McCarthy, Mrs Dunn or Mrs Nelson or email at the address above; everything you say will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Chisnall
Headteacher

Do you qualify?

Your child will be eligible for Free School Meals if you get any of these 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 and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Pupils can qualify for Free School Meals if they get any of these benefits themselves.

We would strongly encourage all parents to apply on the online system. You may not be eligible now but if your circumstances change in the future and you do become eligible the system will pick this up and notify you and school. Even if parents/carers are only out of work for one week your child could become eligible and would remain entitled to Free School Meals and Pupil Premium funding for the rest of their time in primary school even if you go back into employment.

Come and talk to us if you're not sure.

How does it work?

1. Checking whether you qualify and registering is really quick and easy – do it online at: <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>
2. If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great – they will get the free meal (saving you more than £350 a year) and the school gets extra money to help your child and others in their class.
3. If you don't want your child to have a free school meal they can continue as normal – as long as you qualify, and are registered, the school still gets the extra money.
4. If you do qualify you will need to complete a form with St Helens Council, please click on the following link to fill in the application for Free School Meals. [FSM CLAIM 3 \(sthelens.gov.uk\)](https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/fsms)