

Claim Free School Meals

Free school meals are available at our school but only to families that are eligible. You are strongly advised to check whether you are eligible and register if you are.

Who is eligible for free school meals?

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more 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 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 gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

The free school meal allowance provides £2.85 of credit per day which is enough for one of the main hot meals or a baguette. Vegetarian options are provided, and all meat is halal. Our system does not reveal to other pupils whether your child is claiming free school meals so there is no stigma.

Furthermore, if you have claimed free school meals at any point in the last six years then the school receives additional funding called Pupil Premium from the government which we use to help disadvantaged pupils. We use some of this money to reduce the cost of school trips and instrumental tuition. If you are currently claiming free school meals, you get a 20% discount and if you have claimed in the last six years then you get a £100 credit.

Benefits to students eligible to Free School Meals (FSM):

- £2.85 per day for hot meal / lunch
- £100 credit each year to cover the cost of trips, music lessons, activities (unused money cannot be transferred / accumulated from one academic year to another). When you wish to allocate your £100 (or part of it) to an account, you must email Student.Services@adalovelace.org.uk with the Item Name, amount and full student

name. A telephone call is not enough as we are required to keep a written record for our auditing purposes.

- 20% discount off the total cost for trips, music lessons, activities (do not apply if the cost is below £10).

To find out if you are eligible and to register, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Visit this website for information in your own language: [Free School Meal Eligibility Checker \(pps-lgfl-org-uk.translate.google.com\)](https://pps-lgfl-org-uk.translate.google.com)