

Free School Meals

Over ten thousand children in Suffolk get free school meals. This saves their families over £400 a year each. Is your child eligible?

Did you know that your child will be able to get free school meals if you receive any of the following benefits?

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, as long as you do not get a Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by H M Revenues & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- If you are supported under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after your employment finishes or after you start to work less hours per week

All you need to do is apply online at www.suffolk.gov.uk or complete an application form, hand it into the school or post it directly to us.

How to get an application form

- Download a form from www.suffolk.gov.uk
- Collect one from your child's school
- Call us on 0845 606 6067

When we receive your application, we will check your eligibility against the Government's benefits database and once confirmed, we will contact your children's school to set up the free school meals and confirm this to you in writing. If we cannot confirm your eligibility we will contact you for qualifying documentation.

If your child is about to start school full time and you already have an older child receiving a free meal, you do not need to fill in a new application form, just contact us before your younger child starts school full-time.