

Change to Free School Meals and Uniform Grant Criteria.

Introduction of an additional new criterion to receive free meals and uniform grants.

Currently, in order to be eligible for free meals and uniform grants, the criteria require the parent / guardian to be in receipt of one of the following:

- Income support
- Income related Jobseeker's allowance
- Income related employment and support allowance
- Guarantee element of state pension credit
- Working /child tax credit with an annual taxable income not exceeding £16,190

OR

- Parent, guardian is an asylum seeker supported by the Home Office Asylum Support Assessment Team (ASAT).

NEW ADDITIONAL CRITERION AS FROM 27TH SEPTEMBER 2017

The parent /guardian/pupil to be in receipt of:

- Universal credit and have household earning not exceeding £14,000 per year.

Universal credit will eventually replace the five existing welfare benefit based criteria. It is expected the five benefits will be phased out and replaced by Universal Credit by March 2022. The new additional Universal Credit criterion will be added to the existing criteria and changes will apply from the roll-out of Universal Credit, scheduled to begin on 27th September 2017.