

Sign up for Universal Free School Meals now!

From September 2014 all pupils in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 will be able to receive a school meal at no cost to the parent/guardian* as recently announced by the government.

It's good to know that when you send your child off to school they will be eating a hot, healthy and nutritious meal at lunchtime. When children eat better they do better and school meals help keep their mind and body working to its maximum until they return home.

Children respond positively to a caring, happy atmosphere where their welfare is paramount and being at school certainly assures that. Eating nutritional, well balanced meals at school also plays an important part in this and is unquestionably the core to a healthy school life.



* A cash alternative is not available for those pupils not taking a school lunch.

Registering could raise money for your child's school



It is important that you register for universal free school meals as, in addition to receiving your free meal, the information you provide will be used to assess if your child should be on the pupil premium register. For each child on the pupil premium register their school could receive up to an extra £1300 from central government which will go directly to fund valuable support like extra tuition, learning assistants or after school clubs. **Even if you don't want your child to receive their free meal we would encourage you to register** so that their school receives as much funding as possible!

Please complete the registration form attached and return it to your child's school.

How the information in the registration form will be used

The information you provide on the registration form will be used to claim extra grant money from the government to pay for free school meals, sports funding and other links, like music and after school activities for Newcastle children. This information helps to decide how much your child's school will receive each year too.

The information will also be used by your school to assess the charges for other school activities, for example school trips.

It is really important that you complete all the information asked for on the form to help make sure Newcastle schools are as well funded as possible.