

## Register for free school meals to help out your school



If your child is eligible for free school meals, it's worth registering them even if they're not going to have the school lunch. This is because schools receive a 'Pupil Premium' - an extra payment for each eligible child which they can spend on useful services/resources.

### Registering for free school meals - extra benefits

Registering for free school meals doesn't mean your child will have to eat the school lunch. Schools also receive a payment, or Pupil Premium, for each child who is registered for free school meals - this money helps them to provide extra support like extra tuition, learning assistants etc.

### Free school meals

#### Apply for free school meals



Is your child eligible for free school meals?

**Eligibility** - You can apply for free school meals if you or your child receive any of the following:

- 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 State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income of £16,190 or less

**How to apply** - If you want to register for free school meals for your child, contact Lewisham Education online [www.lewisham.gov.uk/pupilpremium](http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/pupilpremium) or complete the attached form.

You may need to provide a letter to prove that you're receiving one of these benefits - your local Jobcentre Plus should be able to help with this.

**If you require any assistance in completing this form please feel free to ask Miss Reid or Mrs Hodges at the main desk.**