



The Wolds Federation

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"The child Jesus grew and became strong; he was full of wisdom gaining favour with God and with people." Luke 2:54

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Dear Parents and Carers,

You will be aware that all children in Reception and years 1 & 2 are automatically entitled to receive universal free school meals. However, regardless of the year group, some pupils in Nursery up to and including Year 6, may also qualify for benefit related free school meals based on eligibility criteria relating to household income.

For every child on benefits related free school meals, the Government provides additional funding to schools called pupil premium. Schools receive £1,455 for each child on pupil premium.

Your child(ren) will be entitled to free school meals if you as the parent are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- Job Seeker's Allowance (income-based)
- Income Support
- Universal Credit - Your annual income assessed by the Department for Work and Pension must be less than £7,400. Any pupil eligible for free school meals before 1 April 2018 when the earned income threshold is introduced will retain their eligibility until then end of universal credit roll-out which is March 2025
- Child Tax Credit (but NOT receiving Working Tax Credit) – provided your annual income, assessed by the Inland Revenue, does not exceed £16,190 (Please note: this amount is subject to change in April every year)
- Employment Support Allowance (income-related)
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.



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Entitlement to free school meals is kept as confidential as possible. Schools do not identify to other pupils the fact that a child is receiving a free school meal.

The free school meal will remain in place for as long as your child continues to attend an East Riding of Yorkshire school and you continue to be entitled to one of the above qualifying benefits.

The easiest way to apply for free school meals is online, by following the link below:

[Free school meals \(eastriding.gov.uk\)](http://www.eastriding.gov.uk)

(<https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/learning/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-meals/free-school-meals/>)

Alternatively, you can call the benefit section on 01482 394799 or by visiting any customer service centre. You will need to provide ID evidence of your name, address, date of birth and your national insurance number. You will also need to provide your child(rens) name, date of birth and the name of the school they are attending.

The extra resources the pupil premium would provide for children is hugely beneficial. It would allow us to purchase additional resources to support learning and provide support towards educational visits, residential visits and music lessons to name but a few.

Please consider whether or not your child may be eligible for free school meals and therefore pupil premium, as we are sure you understand that any additional funding can make a real difference to the school and the progress of all children,

Thank you for your continued support.

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