

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
ON**

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

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If you are eligible, you have a legal right to claim **FREE SCHOOL**



**Dronfield Henry
Fanshawe School**



**FREE SCHOOL MEALS
FOR YOUR CHILD?**

If you are eligible to have free school meals for your child, they could get £2.35 a day automatically placed on their cashless lunch card every morning to spend at break and/or lunchtime.

All students use the cashless lunch card to pay for food in school, so no one can tell which students get free school meals and which students don't.

To find out if you might be eligible and how to apply please read on.

Information Leaflet for Parents 2016-17

LILAC FREE SCHOOL MEALS APPLICATION FORMS CAN

MEALS for your child or children.

WHO CAN GET THEM? Your child(ren) can have free school meals if **you receive child benefit for them**; they are **registered at a Derbyshire School** and:

- You or your partner are receiving JOB SEEKERS ALLOWANCE (Income Based) **[JSA (IB)]**

Or

- you or your partner are receiving INCOME SUPPORT **[IS]**

Or

- you or your partner are receiving CHILD TAX CREDIT and NO working tax credit, and your annual income does not exceed £16,190. Those claiming Working Tax Credit are not eligible.

Or

- if you receive the guarantee element of State Pension Credit you may also be eligible for Free School Meals.

HOW CAN I GET THEM? As soon as you qualify for either of the above benefits, contact school reception for a **single LILAC free school meals application form** for all your children. You can get your form checked and stamped at our school reception or you can take it into a Job Centre.

BE OBTAINED FROM

- Main School Reception (01246) 412372
- Student Finance Office (Free School Meals) Children And Young Adults Department, Derbyshire County Council, County Hall, Matlock, DE4 3AG. (01629) 585481
- Downloaded from **www.derbyshire.gov.uk**

If you qualify, your application will be **authorised** and the Headteacher informed by the Student Finance Office.

To speed up the authorisation, bring the **lilac free school meals application form** and **evidence** that you are receiving Job Seekers Allowance (Income Based) [JSA (IB)], Income Support [IS] or Child Tax Credit to School Reception- **free school meals will then be authorised for your child(ren) immediately.**

REMEMBER - If you have **not** filled in a lilac free school meals application form as well as providing evidence of JOB SEEKERS ALLOWANCE (Income Based) [JSA (IB)], INCOME SUPPORT [IS] or Child Tax Credit (TC602) **the school will not be authorised to give your child(ren) a free meal.**

LATE CLAIMS - **If you are eligible, you can claim back money for meals you have already paid for.** If you do not claim free school meals when you first become eligible, **you may make a late claim** by writing to the Student Finance Office (address overleaf) **requesting a reimbursement for meals for which you have already paid.**