

Christmas Free School Meals

Holiday Financial Support



Dudley MBC have given authority for us to issue holiday free school meal vouchers to all income related free school meal eligible pupils. This will be £20 for the Christmas break.

We encourage families who think they may be eligible to apply via

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals/dudley>

This will allow us to pass on this extra financial support over Christmas.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get 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 guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child may also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

- younger than the compulsory age for starting school
- in full-time education

If you do not qualify for most benefits (also known as having 'no recourse to public funds'), your child may still be eligible for free school meals. Ask their school or local authority whether they're eligible.

**** There are no repercussions if you are refused so it's worth trying
in case you are eligible ****