Free School Meals

Are you eligible for free school meals?

Pupils eligible for free school meals generate additional funding for school through the Pupil Premium Grant. This grant provides funds that the school is able to allocate to a range of additional support such as music tuition, assistance with trip costs and other resources for your son/daughter during their time at Lutterworth High School. Pupils eligible for Free School Meals are treated no differently in school to any other student, yet the benefits to them are great:

- A free lunch every day to the value of £3.45. The introduction of cashless catering means that no student can be identified as receiving a free school meal.
- Support towards some trip costs if requested.
- Support towards the cost of some school uniform if requested.
- Additional educational support where a need is identified.
- Access to other school support services as required.

Do I qualify for free school meals?

Families of children and young people in full-time education may be entitled to claim free school meals providing they receive one of the following qualifying benefits:

- 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)

To check if you are eligible for free school meals please call Leicestershire School Catering Service on **0116 305 5000**. This only takes a matter of minutes but could make a big difference to the education of your son/daughter. If your child is eligible for free school meals, they will remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they are in on 31 March 2022.

How do I apply?

- You can download the free school meals application form from this website: *https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/social-care-and-supporting-families/free-school-meals*
- Apply via telephone on 0116 305 5417
- Write to Leicestershire School Catering Service at the following address:
  County Hall, Glenfield, Leicester. LE3 8RB