

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had some parents asking if they can apply for a free school meal and what the criteria is. I have put some information and links below from the Doncaster Council website on eligibility and the [online application form](#). Once they have processed this and contacted us to say we can put you on the system we will set you up to receive the online free school meal vouchers from one of the four main supermarkets of your choice. Please bear in mind there may be some delay due to the current circumstances and the limitations on staff at the local authority.

You must apply for each child. Some of you may have only applied for children in Key Stage 2 and not those in Key Stage 1 as they were getting a universal free school meal anyway. They will not be eligible **until** you apply.

**Free School Meal Vouchers will not be sent out during the Easter holiday period.**

### *From Doncaster LA Website*

**Your child will be eligible for free school meals if you are receiving one of the following benefits or support:**

- Universal Credit - Your annual net earned income must be no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to 3 of your most recent assessment periods.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit and your annual income is below £16,190 (as worked out by HM Revenue & Customs)
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- parents receiving Working Tax Credit for four weeks after their employment finishes are entitled to free school meals during that period. This also applies to parents who start working less than 16 hours per week

### **Doncaster Council Website**

Guidance for application: <https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/free-school-meals>

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