

Dear Family

If your child is eligible for FSM, we want to encourage you to register them.

Why register for free school meals?

Children who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them if you prefer them to have packed lunches.

But registering them is still important because for every child registered for free school meals in the 2025/26 academic year, the school gets an extra £1,050 through 'pupil premium' funding.

Every child registered for free school meals makes a big difference to the school.

You can find more information about pupil premium on our website at:

[Pupil Premium](#) | [Key Information](#) | [About Us](#) | [CAST](#)

Here you can see what we spent it on in the last academic year and how it will be spent this year. For example, we've previously used pupil premium funding for:

- Educational provision and resources
- Academic interventions
- Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions
- Uniform and equipment
- Subsidising curriculum trips

Is my child eligible for free school meals?

If you receive these benefits, your child may be eligible:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) or Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit) if you have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - but not if you receive Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit, if your earned income after tax is £616.67 per month (£7,400 per year) or less.

How do I register?

You can call EWB on 01223 703 200 or go to [Free school meals | Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

For information on registering for free school meals if you are a household with no recourse to public funds (NRPF), please email ewb.fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or call 01223 703 200 to request an application form

More information

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please email ewb.fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or call 01223 703 200

You can also find more information at [Free school meals | Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

Best wishes,

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