

Free School Meals

The Government gives money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'.

To get Pupil Premium you need to apply for Free School Meals, even if your child already receives universal free school meals in EYFS, Y1 & Y2.

For every child registered for Pupil Premium at St Andrews C of E Primary School extra income is received into the school.

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you are receiving any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (not Working Tax Credit), with an annual income below £16,190
- Pension Guarantee Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance, income related
- Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act, 1999
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit, with a household income of £7,400 or less (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

No one will know you have registered, and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming. If you qualify and register the school still gets the extra income.

If your child has been receiving free school meal vouchers over the summer, you now need to apply to Essex County Council asap if you have not already done so.

Therefore please could you complete an online application to Essex County Council.

The link is <https://www.essex.gov.uk/free-school-meals>