

Free School Meals

Free school meals are available to children whose parents are in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods (£616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are also not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household gross income that does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by HMRC)
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Should you meet the above criteria, you can apply for free school meals by using the application form on the North Yorkshire County Council website:

[Free school meals | North Yorkshire Council](#)

You will usually receive an instant decision on whether your application is successful from the council. If it is, the council will fully process the application in five working days and notify the school. Once the school have received this your child can begin enjoying free school meals. You should continue to pay until confirmation comes through. If you are not entitled to free school meals, you will be notified in writing.

Further information can be found on the council website