



SCHOOL MEALS

East Sussex County Council School Meal Policy

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/education-learning/schools/school-life/school-meals>

School meal menus

Please see example of menu attached. Each new menu will be shared as soon as it is released by supplier.

Free school meals for children in Year 3 and older

Older children may get free school meals if their parents or carers get any of these benefits:

- [Universal Credit - GOV.UK](#) – 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)
- [Income Support - GOV.UK](#)
- Income-based [Jobseeker's Allowance \(JSA\) - GOV.UK](#)
- Income-related [Employment and Support Allowance \(ESA\) - GOV.UK](#)
- Support under [Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 - GOV.UK](#)
- The Guaranteed element of [State Pension Credit - GOV.UK](#)
- [Child Tax Credit - GOV.UK](#), only, if your annual household income (assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) isn't over £16,190
- Anyone getting [Working Tax Credit - GOV.UK](#), won't get free meals regardless of income
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Children will get free school meals if they meet the criteria and are in school both before and after lunchtime.

Children eligible for free school meals on or after 1 April 2018 will remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2023 even if your circumstances change.

- [Apply for free school meals online](#)

Further information

The Admissions and Transport Team administer free school meals. Opening hours for enquiries are Tuesday to Friday 10am to 3pm.

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