

Infants – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2.

All children in these years receive free school meals, you do not need to apply. If however you are in receipt of the qualifying benefits listed below you may also be eligible for a School Clothing Grant. Please complete an application form;

<http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/childrensservices/schoolsandlearning/fsm.asp>

- Income Support (IS);
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (Not contribution based);
- An income-related Employment and Support Allowance (Not contribution related);
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) that as of April 2012 does not exceed £16,190. Note: From 1st May 2009 where you are entitled to Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after your employment ceases, or after you start to work less than 16 hours per week, your children are entitled to Free School Meals, this may be extended.
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit;
- Universal Credit

Juniors - What happens in Year 3?

if you have applied previously for a school clothing grant and continue to be on these benefits, your free school meals will continue also once your child goes into year 3. If your child is in year 3 or above you can apply for free school meals at any time as long as you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit.

Secondary School

If you have applied previously for free school meals or a school clothing grant and continue to be on these benefits your free school meals will continue also once your child goes into Secondary school. You do not need to apply.