

Free School Meals – Why It Matters

Did you know? School receives additional funding for every child who is awarded **Free School Meals (FSM)**. This funding helps us enhance your child's education in many ways:

How We Use the Funding:

- Provide **additional adult support** for pupils
- Purchase **new learning resources**
- Offer **pupil leadership opportunities** in school
- Enable children to **represent the school** in performances
- Increase the number of **educational trips**
- Invite more **visitors and workshops** into school
- Provide **rewards and incentives** for good attendance
- Improve resources for **enjoyable playtimes**

Additional Benefits for Eligible Pupils:

- **Discounted after-school clubs**
 - **Free school trips**
 - **Support with school uniform** when needed
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Who Should Apply?

We encourage all parents to apply if you think you might be eligible. If successful, both you and the school will be notified by **Rotherham Borough Council**.

Important:

- You must apply **separately for each child**.
 - Children in **Reception, Year 1, and Year 2** already receive **Universal Free School Meals**, but applying for FSM can unlock **additional benefits and funding**.
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Eligibility Criteria

Your child may be eligible if you receive one or more of the following:

- Universal Credit (with annual net earned income of no more than £7,400)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

- Child Tax Credit (with income less than £16,190 and no Working Tax Credit)
 - Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying)
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How to Apply

Apply online at:  <https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/xfp/form/532>

Need help? Please contact the **school office** – we're happy to assist!

Your application helps us support your child and others – thank you!