

## Free School Meals

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Your child / children will be entitled to free school meals if you as the parent are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- Job Seeker's Allowance (income-based)
- Income Support
- Universal Credit - Your annual income assessed by the Department for Work and Pension must be less than £7,400. Any pupil eligible for free school meals before 1 April 2018 when the earned income threshold is introduced will retain their eligibility until then end of universal credit roll-out which is March 2025
- Child Tax Credit (but NOT receiving Working Tax Credit) – provided your annual income, assessed by the Inland Revenue, does not exceed £16,190  
(Please note: this amount is subject to change in April every year)
- Employment Support Allowance (income-related)
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

If you meet the criteria and would like to make an application to East Riding of Yorkshire Council please complete our online form, which can be accessed through the following link:-

<http://www2.eastriding.gov.uk/learning/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-meals/free-schoolmeals/>

Entitlement to free school meals is kept as confidential as possible. The Snaith School has a thumb print recognition system in place which does not identify to other pupils the fact that a child is receiving a free school meal.

The free school meal will remain in place for as long as your child continues to attend an East Riding of Yorkshire school and you continue to be entitled to one of the above qualifying benefits.

Remember - you must contact East Riding of Yorkshire Council's benefit section if your circumstances change and you are no longer in receipt of one of the benefits listed above.

## **How do I apply for free school meals?**

There are several methods of applying for free school meals which are shown below:

- 1) If you meet the criteria and would like to make an application please complete our **online** [https://east-riding-self.achieveservice.com/service/Free School Meals Application](https://east-riding-self.achieveservice.com/service/Free_School_Meals_Application)
- 2) You can also telephone the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Benefit section on (01482) 394799.

They will need the following information:

- *Your Name*
- *Your Date of birth*
- *National Insurance Number (or registered asylum seekers number)*
- *Child's details – Name, date of birth and school*

The benefits section will make automated checks to confirm your entitlement and tell you immediately if you qualify.

- 3) You can visit any East Riding of Yorkshire [customer service centre](#) for an application form.

Send the completed form to the benefits section at the following address:

***East Riding of Yorkshire Council  
Benefits Section  
PO Box 12  
County Hall  
Beverley  
HU17 9BA  
  
(01482) 394799***

Or return the completed form to your local customer service centre or your child's school.