



Free school meals & Pupil Premium

All children at Herrick School in Reception, year 1 and year 2, automatically receive free school meals. Children may also be eligible for free school meals beyond year 2 if they meet the qualifying criteria.

Further information -

Who is eligible for free school meals?

- Income support
- Income-based jobseeker's allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- National asylum seeker support
- Child tax credit (provided you're not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- Working tax credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for working tax credit.

How can parents apply for free school meals?

Parents should only apply for free school meals if they receive one of the benefits listed above. If they do, they can apply on-line, by phone or completing the form:

- To apply on-line, copy and paste the link below into your web search page.

<https://freeschoolmeals.leicester.gov.uk/CarerConsent.aspx>

- Call 0116 454 1009 (Option 3). Make sure you have your national insurance number when you call.
- Collect a form from the school office

What is the pupil premium?

The pupil premium is extra funding the government gives to schools to raise the achievement of disadvantaged pupils. The amount a school receives depends on the number of pupils eligible for free school meals.

Parents are encouraged to register their children, even if:

- they do not want to eat school meals
- they already receive universal infant free school meals.

This is in order to raise extra money for the school, which can be used towards extra tuition, learning assistants or after school clubs.