



Ashley Hill Multi Academy Trust

Apply For Free School Meals

Is your child eligible for free school meals?

If so, make sure you apply!

How to apply

If you want to register for free school meals for your child, we can help you to apply in confidence - just ask at your school office.

Alternatively, you can apply online in complete confidentiality via <http://www.direct.gov.uk>

Registering for free school meals - extra benefits

Registering for free school meals doesn't mean your child will have to eat the school lunch - there are other benefits. Some schools and local authorities offer extra support to children who are registered - for instance, help with the funding of school uniform.

Schools also receive a payment, Pupil Premium, for each child who is registered for free school meals. This money (£1300 per child this year) helps us to provide extra support like 1 to 1 tuition, learning assistants or extra-curricular activities.

In England, children are eligible to receive free school meals (FSM) if their parents are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income of £16,190 or less
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

You may need to provide a letter to prove that you're receiving one of these benefits - your local Job Centre Plus should be able to help with this.

Don't delay - apply today!!