

Who is eligible for Free School Meals?

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits: -

- Universal Credit, provided they have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month) as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

From the 1st April, all existing free school meals pupils will continue to receive free school meals whilst Universal Credit is rolled out, this is called Transitional Protection. This will apply even if your earnings rise above the new threshold during that time.

In addition, any child gaining eligibility for free school meals after 1 April 2018 will be protected against losing free school meals during the Universal Credit rollout period. The Universal Credit rollout is currently expected to complete in March 2022.

Registering for free meals could also raise an extra £900 to £1,320 for your child's school, to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or school activities. This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed.

If you feel you may be entitled to Free School Meals then please log onto the Parent Portal link <https://lcc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/parentportal> You will find attached instructions on how to use the online portal.

Lincolnshire County Council will process eligibility checks and will advise us which child/ren are eligible/not eligible for free school meals.

Please note that if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they will automatically be eligible for a Free School Meal under the Government Free School Meals Scheme. Please let us know if you **do not** wish to take up this offer.



Boston Endeavour Academy Free School Meals/Hot Lunches



Hot Lunches

If you are **not** entitled to Free School Meals but you wish your child to have a Hot Lunch, our lunch time meals are provided by The Farm Kitchen at a cost of £2.50 per day, a total weekly cost of £12.50. Meat and vegetarian options are available every day and most dietary requirements can be catered for.

If you will be paying for your child to have a Hot Lunch you will need to register an account on the www.hotschoolmeals.com website where you will click on 'register an account' and set up a Username and Password and follow the instructions from there..

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals or the Universal Infant Free School meals (Children in Reception to Year 2) The Farm Kitchen will create an account for you and you will receive an email directly from them with your child's account details and a letter explaining the process.

Menus are available on the Farm Kitchen website and the **deadline for ordering your child's meals will be always be a Tuesday by 3pm for the following weeks meals**

If you experience any problems creating your account, logging onto the system or placing your order then please contact Farm Kitchen on enquiries@hotschoolmeals.com Telephone 01529 460821 or alternatively contact the school office either by email at enquiries@bea-cit.co.uk or via phone on 01205 345045.