

Does my child qualify for free school meals?

As a Sefton resident, you are eligible for free school meals if you receive <u>any</u> of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit and have a net household income of less than £7400 per annum
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit ONLY (not entitled/receiving Working Tax Credit) and have an income of less that £16190.00
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Support under VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act

If you are on a qualifying benefit and do not already receive free school meals, we urge you to make a formal application as soon as possible. This can benefit your child's school as they can claim extra funding (Pupil Premium). Currently Sefton are providing vouchers to families during the school holidays if you are eligible for Free School Meals.