



London Meed Primary School

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

Dear Parents and Carers

All infant children are eligible for Universal Free School Meals. The hot school meals at London Meed are tasty and nutritious with a child-friendly menu.

The Government is now giving money to schools for every child who would previously have been registered for Free School Meals, to help children from lower income families do their very best. **London Meed receive £1332 of additional funding for the school for every child registered. Are you eligible?**

Other children and families will not know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

How does it work?

1. First, check if you qualify – so please look at the list on the next page.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify, please complete an online application form via <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/#how-to-apply> or phone and speak to a member of the office staff in confidence and they will be happy to help.
3. All children will get a free healthy hot meal but your child will also be eligible for free school milk and the school gets **£1332** in extra funding.
4. If you don't want your child to have the school meals they can continue with their packed lunch – as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still gets **£1332** extra.
5. For any families that successfully register we are offering a FREE school jumper or cardigan, and book bag. We will also pay for most school trips and one club per term for your son or daughter.

Is my child eligible?

From 1 April 2018, free school meals in all West Sussex maintained and free schools and academies are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, 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 VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

The guaranteed element of state Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190)

Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Come and talk to us if you're not sure.

[If you are eligible, please complete the online registration form.](#)