

Don't Miss Out! Are you entitled to free school meals?

Could you be saving over £400 per child per year through claiming free school meals

The high cost of raising a young family means that everyone could do with some help. If you are on benefits or unemployed you may be able to claim free school meals for your child.

Free school meals save you time and money and provide reassurance that your children are eating a healthy, balanced lunch every day.

Children whose parents receive the following support payments are eligible to receive free school meals:

- Income Support
- Income based Jobseekers allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, provided that they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and their annual income does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit "run-on" – the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

At Hawarden High School we also provide extra help with equipment and look out to support in any way we can with families who are entitled to free school meals. This might be in the way of school trips or other extra-curricular activities.

Parents living in Wales do not have to pay for their children's school lunches if they receive any of the support payments listed above.

We are aware that some children who attend Hawarden High School are eligible for free school meals but don't know it.

If you think your family could qualify, please complete the online application form on <https://goo.gl/nEVuWf> or pick up a copy from the school office.

All students use the same anonymous 'fingerprint' system when paying for their school meal and therefore there is no difference if a child is on free school meals to a child who pays for their meals. The allowance is £2.30 per child per day and can be used to purchase anything from snacks to drinks. I hope this information helps you but should you require any further information, please phone **Mrs. Smith** in the school office on **01244 526400** and she will be able to help you with any queries you may have or help filling out the form.

Remember even if your child does not wish to have school lunches everyday they can use this money for drinks or at break time so it's worth claiming even if they have dinner in the evening.

Fill in the form as this is your right and you may need to use them one day.