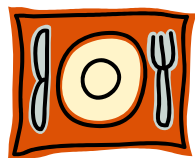


Do I have to re-apply each year?

No you don't. Dorset Direct will re-use the information you give in your application to make repeat automatic checks.



If you have any questions or need some assistance with making your application for a free school meal award for your child, please contact Mrs J Hill at the school office on 01202 485436 Ext.228 or for general enquiries, Miss K Miles on the front desk on 01202 485436.

**If you think you are entitled to apply please contact Dorset Direct on
Tel : 01305 221000**

If you would like more details about the free school meals eligibility checking process carried out by Dorset Direct, please go to
www.dorsetforyou.com/392803



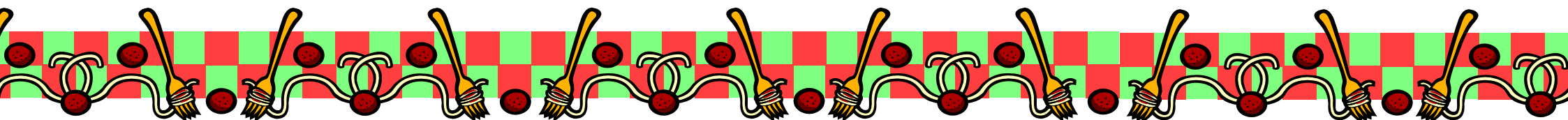
Somerford Primary School

Will I qualify for Free School Meals?



Applying for free school meals is important as the school receives extra funding based on the number of pupils registered for this award. Even if your child prefers to bring a packed lunch to school, please apply as this extra money is used to support your child's learning.
Thankyou.

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To receive free school meals you must be in receipt of one of the following qualifying benefits:

You might qualify for free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- 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 Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit. This is as long as you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual gross income isn't more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' payment (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit

I haven't applied for free school meals because I don't want the school to know about my financial situation.

The school will not be given any information about your financial situation or about which benefit you receive.

How do I apply for free school meals?

You can apply online at <https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/free-school-meals> or by telephoning Dorset Direct on 01305 221000. You will need to tell them your :

- Name
- Date of birth
- National Insurance Number
- Child's details - name, date of birth, and school for which you want free school meals

Dorset Direct will make automated checks and will be able to tell you almost immediately whether you are entitled to a free school meal award for your child.

School uniform allowance and a discount off the cost of residential school trips.

When we receive confirmation that your child is entitled to receive free school meals you will be given an allowance of 1 free school jumper/cardigan every year. In addition, you will also be entitled to a discount on any residential school trips your child may attend.

My children all go to different schools - can I apply for them all at the same time?

Yes, the award is made for the family - so long as they all attend schools in Dorset just give details of all your children and their schools to Dorset Direct when you telephone them.

My youngest child has just started school and already has brothers and sisters who receive free school meals - do I need to reapply?

Yes you do so that the new child can be included in your family's current free school meals award.

How long will a free school meals award last?

The award will remain in place for as long as your child continues to attend a Dorset school and you continue to receive one of the qualifying benefits. You will have to notify Dorset Direct of any changes to your benefit status which may affect your continued entitlement.

