

Free School Meals

If your child is under 19 and in full-time education, you may be able to get free school meals for them. The quickest and easiest way to apply for school meals is to apply online.

Who can get them?

Your child must attend a maintained school (most schools in Kent are maintained schools) or receive alternative education approved by Kent County Council.

Children attending private or independent schools cannot get free school meals.

You must receive one of these benefits to qualify:

- Income Support;
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance;
- Child Tax Credit (not including Working Tax Credit) - if the household income is below £16,190;
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit;
- an income-related Employment and Support Allowance; or
- support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 if you are an asylum seeker.

Evidence of benefit may be requested after you apply.

You can apply online at:

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals#tab-2>