

Registering for free school Meals can benefit your child and the school.



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Dear Parents / Carers,

Your child could be entitled to:-

- Free school curriculum trips and
- Free school meals, worth up to £437 per year.

As well as school receiving extra funding from the government.

Please take the time to read this letter about registering for free school meals. It could really help the school and the opportunities and support we offer your child.

If your child is eligible for free school meals, please register now to ensure your child does not miss out.

Reasons for registering

Your child will have access to a varied menu, providing nutritious food and it represents a saving of about £437 per year. Your child will be entitled to free curriculum school trips. You will also receive help with uniform costs when your child transfers to secondary school. In addition, the school receives an extra payment from the government, based on its numbers of Free School Meals Pupils.

Please also register, even if your child is currently entitled to Universal Free School Meals (i.e. in Foundation Stage or Key Stage 1), as the school only receives funding from the government for each child registered for Free School Meals.

Does my child have to eat a school meal if I register?

While it is recommended your child eats a school meal, due to the nutritional value it provides, this is optional – we would ask though that you register regardless of whether or not they want a meal so we can receive this funding. Your child can still have packed lunches in school.

What is the Pupil Premium?

We will receive approx. £1300 for every child registered for Free School Meals from the Government, providing us with a very important boost to school funds. This will allow us to provide extra support such as additional teaching and learning opportunities, emotional/wellbeing support and access to free school curriculum visits for eligible pupils. If you register this year then we will receive the Pupil Premium and you will receive the free curriculum visits from next academic year (2018/2019). You will be able to receive free school meals as soon as you have had your application approved by NYCC.

How will this benefit my child?

Although the school as a whole will benefit from receiving this extra funding, we will use this funding to provide targeted support and provision to individual children who we know will benefit from additional provision.

How do I know if I qualify?

Please see the Free School Meal Application Form for details

No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming.

How do I apply?

You need to complete the Free School Meal Application form and return it to North Yorkshire County Council



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