

Free School Meals & Uniform Allowances Application Process for School Year 2023/24

We are getting ready to launch applications for Free School Meals & Uniform Allowances for the upcoming school year. We will be in touch in due course with full details on the process - but we wanted to communicate a couple of important points ahead of the launch.

Proof of Benefit Letters

Parents/guardians who are currently in receipt of the below benefits, will need to upload a **Proof of Benefit Letter**, along with their application. Applicants can request this by visiting [this website](#). We ask that you remind your parent community of this requirement, as an application cannot be processed until we receive all supporting documentation for the applicant.

- * Income Support;
- * Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- * Income Related Employment and Support Allowance;
- * Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit.

Social Media Toolkit for Schools

To inform parents and to signpost to further resources, a Social Media Toolkit with graphics and messaging is available to download for those schools who wish to share messages throughout the application process. Click the below link to access the resources.



[Free School Meals & Uniform Allowance Applications Social Media Toolkit](#)

Pupil Lists

Use your most recent EA list of pupils eligible for Free School Meals so you can encourage their parents to submit an early application this year.

Contact us

Meals and Uniforms staff are available to assist parents and schools.



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Schools: mealsanduniformschools@eani.org.uk

We thank you for your continued assistance in relation to the provision of Free School Meals and Uniform Allowances to eligible children.

Further information, including the eligibility criteria for the 2023/24 school year and a list of FAQs to assist with any parental queries can be accessed on our [website](#).



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