

TIBSHELF COMMUNITY SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Free school meals (FSM) eligibility

FSM are available to any family in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 (£616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

I don't claim any FSM

Registering your child not only provides free healthy meals every lunchtime, it raises additional money for the school from the government. This money is used by the school to offer pupils invaluable additional support and to fund other school activities and interventions.

To check whether your child is eligible go to <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> to check whether your child can claim FSM, and then apply on the LA's website:

<https://derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/your-child-at-school/meals/school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

If you are eligible, your child/children will receive FSM and the school will receive additional funding.

I already receive FSM

If you currently receive FSM, your child will continue to receive them until the end of the Universal Credit rollout period (expected March 2023).

Once Universal Credit is fully rolled out, your child will continue to receive FSM until the end of their current phase of education, i.e. primary or secondary.

Thank you for your support and for helping to make sure the school receives as much funding as possible to give every pupil the support and education they deserve.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs L J Crowder
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