**Free School Meals DO YOU QUALIFY??**

**Do not wait until your child starts full time school to apply.**

**If you qualify, your child will receive free school trips & milk in nursery and also throughout their entire time in our school.**

Your child will qualify for free school meals if they are in full-time education and you receive one of the following benefits:

* income support
* income based job seekers allowance
* income related employment and support allowance
* guarantee element of state pension credit
* child tax credit with no working tax credit and have an income as assessed by the Inland Revenue that does not exceed £16,190 (subject to change annually)
* support under [Part 1V of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts1999/ukpga_19990033_en_1).
* universal credit

Children who receive a qualifying benefit in their own right are also entitled to receive free school meals.

If you have a child starting school and they have a brother or sister attending the same school who already receives free school meals, you do not need to apply but you must let us know your child is starting school.  Your child will automatically be given free school meals.

**Your child will not qualify for free school meals** if you are receiving working tax credits and disabled working tax credits.

 To apply please visit [www.barnsley.gov.uk/free-school-meals-form](http://www.barnsley.gov.uk/free-school-meals-form)

If you would like help in completing this form online please speak to Mrs Gay who will be happy to help you.

If you are eligible for free schools meals and apply for them, your school is given additional funding.

In financial year 2017/18 this will be:

* £1,320 per pupil of primary-school age
* £935 per pupil of secondary-school age
* £1,900 per pupil for looked-after children who have been looked after for 1 day or more, are adopted, leave care under a Special Guardianship Order or a Residence Order.

This money is used to help provide additional resources for your children.