

**Information for Parents/Carers whose children are starting Year 3 in September.**

**My child has been receiving universal school meals during their Key Stage One, do I need to apply for Free School Meals (FSM) now they are moving into Year 3?**

In order for your child to receive free school meals for Year 3 and beyond, you will need to meet the qualifying economic criteria (as shown below) and submit an application at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

**What is the criteria for Free School Meals / Pupil Premium?**

The economic criteria are:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (unless you're also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and earn no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop receiving Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400)

Even if you do not think you would qualify at this point, once you have completed the form, we will be able to continue to check eligibility throughout your child's school years using the ECS checking system. You will be notified if you become eligible in the future.

If you are unable to access the online form, a paper application will be available from your child's school or email [ewb.fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:ewb.fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

If you have any queries regarding this information, please call the Education Welfare Benefits team on 01223 703200 or email [ewb.fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:ewb.fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) Or look at the website [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)