

# Your child could get a Free School Meal Year 3 and above

## Your child could be eligible for a FSM if you.....

- Are in receipt of a **qualifying benefit**; and
- have a child moving from year 2 to year 3; or
- already have a child(ren) in year 3 and above.

## Why apply for a FSM?

- Your child will receive a healthy nutritional meal
- It will not cost you a penny
- Applying is quick and easy

## How do I Apply?

Apply by visiting [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) and selecting the following tab. (You will need your National Insurance Number or Home Office number to hand).

[Apply for free school meals \(Year 3 and older\) >](#)

## Qualifying Benefits for FSM

- 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 (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than £16,190 a year)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit (with annual earned income of more than £7,400 after tax and not including any benefits you get).

*If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until 2022, or until they finish their current phase of schooling (primary or secondary), if that's after 2022.*

## Did you know?

Registering for a FSM helps schools identify anyone on low income; the school can then claim additional funding from the government, which can help towards extra computers, books, trips out and staff etc.