



Da Vinci Academy

A L.E.A.D. Academy



"One Team, Changing Worlds"

# Is your child eligible for Free School Meals?

## How do I find out?

**If you are a parent or carer and receive any of the benefits below, then your child is eligible for Free School Meals:**

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit



In addition, the following pupils will be protected against losing their free school meals as follows:

- From 1 April 2018, all existing free school meals claimants will continue to receive free school meals whilst Universal Credit is rolled out. This will apply even if their earnings rise above the new threshold during that time.
- In addition, any child gaining eligibility for free school meals after 1 April 2018 will be protected against losing free school meals during the Universal Credit rollout period.
- Once Universal Credit is fully rolled out, any existing claimants that no longer meet the eligibility criteria at that point (because they are earning above the threshold or are no longer a recipient of Universal Credit) will continue to receive free school meals until the end of their current phase of education (i.e. primary or secondary). The Universal Credit rollout is currently expected to complete in March 2022.

## What to do next?

If your application for Free School Meals is successful, Da Vinci Academy will also receive extra funding from the Government to use in support of teaching and learning (Pupil Premium).

If your application for Free School Meals is unsuccessful, please ensure to save your application as the system updates and re-checks every week.

**If you would like to apply for Free School Meals you can:**

- Apply online at <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/link2ict>
- Complete the application form on our website and the academy will apply on your behalf