Where to go for more information

Contact the school

If you have any questions about free school meals, please speak to Mrs Booth – Office Manager

External sources

The government's website has information about who is eligible for free school meals, as well as information on how to apply.

Apply for free school meals, GOV.UK
https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

You can also read further information about the pupil premium at the following link.

Pupil premium funding and accountability for schools
https://www.gov.uk/guidance/pupil-premium-information-for-schools-and-alternative-provision-settings

Parent Pamphlet

The Government may decide to withdraw 'Universal Infant Free School Meals'. To make sure your child continues to have free meals please make sure you register before September 2017 if you think you are entitled.

Free school meals and the pupil premium

Netherfield Infant School and Nursery

Which pupils qualify for free school meals?

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Universal Credit

In addition, schools must provide free school meals to all pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2. This is known as universal infant free school meals.

What are the benefits of claiming free school meals?

School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime, and they can also save you time and money.

Claiming free school meals also helps the school. We get extra funding, known as the 'pupil premium', for every eligible pupil who is registered.

What is the pupil premium?

The pupil premium grant is funding provided to schools to help all pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation.

Pupils may be eligible if they:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point since May 2010
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have parents in the armed forces

How to register for free school meals

Please contact the Free School Meals Team on

0300 500 8080.

Or visit Nottinghamshire County Council's website:-

http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/ and search for Free School Meals and Milk

How is the pupil premium funding used?

The pupil premium is not used to pay for school meals. Schools use the funding to improve the attainment of pupils who are eligible.

You will find more information about how we use our pupil premium funding on our website.

How can I ensure the school gets the funding?

The more eligible pupils that are registered for free school meals, the more funding the school receives.

Registering does not mean your child has to take up free school meals if they don't want to.

You should still register for free school meals even if:

- Your child already receives universal infant free school meals
- You would rather your child had a different meal, such as a packed lunch