

# Free School Meals

## Do you receive one of the following benefits?

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Child Tax Credit Only (with no element of Working Tax Credit and a household income below £16,190)
- National Asylum Seeker's Support
- Guarantee Element of the State Pension Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance (Income-Related)

You may still be eligible if you are in receipt of Working Tax Credit which is going to end due to having recently reduced your hours or having become unemployed. Please contact the Free School Meals team on **01604 366656** or **freeschoolmeals@northamptonshire.gov.uk** for more information.

Name (parent/carer): (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/other) .....

Date of Birth: .....

National Insurance Number or National Asylum Seekers Support Number:  
(Can be found on your benefit letters) .....

Address: .....

Postcode: .....

Telephone Number: .....

	Child 1	Child 2	Child 3	Child 4
First Name				
Surname				
Date of Birth				
Relationship				
School				

## Does your child go to Secondary School?

If your child attends a 'non-cashless' secondary school you will need to provide a photograph of them for their ID card. This card allows them to access their meal in the school canteen. Please send us a clear photo, including their name, date of birth and school on the back.

Alternatively you can email a photo to [freeschoolmeals@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@northamptonshire.gov.uk)

## Other ways to apply

**Online.** If you apply online for Free School Meals at [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) you will get an instant answer to let you know if you are eligible. Your school will be notified within 2 working days.

**Text.** You can apply by texting FSM, your full name, National Insurance Number (or NASS number), your date of birth, your child's name and school to 60622.

By texting FSM and your details to 60622 you are agreeing to enable Northamptonshire County Council to check your eligibility for Free School Meals with the relevant benefit provider. You will be charged the normal text message rate for using this service.

**Once you have been accepted for Free School Meals, you will receive a confirmation letter which will outline how to order the meals at your child's school.**

I understand that my entitlement to Free School Meals will continue only for as long as I receive one of the qualifying benefits and I agree to inform you immediately if my benefit or tax credit entitlement changes, or if I change my address.

I certify that the information given on this form is to the best of my knowledge and belief correct, and I hereby give permission for Northamptonshire County Council to check my eligibility status with the relevant benefit providers.

**Signed**

If you have any questions about this form, please contact the Free School Meal Team on **01604 366656** or [freeschoolmeals@northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@northamptonshire.gov.uk)

For more information, please visit [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

Or return this form to:  
Free School Meals  
Floor 2 Old Gaol Block  
County Hall  
Northampton  
NN1 1DN

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School notified:



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County Council