There are two types of Free School Meals, Universal Infant Free School Meals and Free School Meals due to the families’ situation.

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|  | **Universal Infant FSM** | **Benefit Related / Immigration Status qualifying FSM** |
| **Eligibility Criteria** | Based on child’s school year: Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 | Parents must be in receipt of qualifying benefits or have qualifying immigration status, see next page. Families with children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 need to apply to get the other benefits listed below. |
| **Do I need to apply?** | No, just inform your school you wish for your child to receive these meals. | Yes, online application for parents on benefits at: <https://emsi.worcestershire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en> or use the QR code below, same account as you used to apply for your child’s school place.  Parents eligible through immigration status, your child’s school can get a paper application form for you to complete. |
| **Eligible for Pupil Premium (extra funds to support your child at this school)** | No | Yes – once eligible for Free School Meals your school will claim this for your child. |
| **School Holiday Vouchers** | No | Yes – via your school’s office. |
| **Holiday Activity Fund** | No | Yes – register your child at [www.haf-it.co.uk](http://www.haf-it.co.uk) |
| **Clothing Grant – at participating schools** | No | Yes – speak to the school office. |
| **Protected status** | Finishes at the end of year 2 | For those eligible claims between 1st April 2018 – 31st August 2026 your child will remain eligible. 1st of September 2026 the expanded criteria will come into force and protection will cease for all children. |

### Benefit related criteria

* Universal Credit, and your annual household income is £7,400 per annum (£616 per month) or less after tax, and not including any benefits.
* Income Support
* Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
* Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act, 1999
* Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual income is less than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC
* Guaranteed Pension Credit
* Income-based Employment and Support Allowance
* Working Tax Credit run-on

### Immigration status

* Zambrano carers
* families who have no recourse to public funds with a right to remain in the UK on grounds of private and family life under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights
* families receiving support under Section 17 of the Children Act 1989 who are also subject to a no recourse to public funds restriction
* a subset of failed asylum seekers supported under Section 4 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
* Chen carers
* families holding a [BN(O) passport](https://www.gov.uk/british-national-overseas-bno-visa)
* spousal visa holders
* work visa holders
* student visa holders
* those with no immigration status

Families must also meet the following financial criteria:

* £22,700 for families with 1 child
* £26,300 for families with 2 or more children
* No more than £16,000 in capital and savings