Free School Meals in Cambridgeshire



From September 2026...
all children in households receiving Universal Credit will be eligible for free school meals, regardless of income.

The 3 Types of Free School Meals



Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)
All children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2



Targeted Free School Meals (TFSM)
Households with UC and annual earnings £7,400 or less



Expanded Free School Meals (EFSM)
Households with UC and annual earnings over £7,400

How to Apply



- Apply online via the **Cambridgeshire parent portal**
- You'll need to register for an account first.
- Or contact us at: ewb.fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Key Things to Know

- Current FSM recipients must complete a recheck.
- Targeted awards may also help your child access the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme.
- EFSM provides a free lunch, but no extra funding.
- The scheme is for school-age children and post-16 students.

Where to Apply

Your child's school will determine where to apply:

- Most schools: apply online
- Some schools (e.g. Elm Road, Peckover, Thomas Clarkson): contact the school directly
- Peterborough schools: follow the Peterborough City Council process

Special Cases

You may still be eligible if you are:

- a family with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF)
- a parent receiving certain benefits (e.g. Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Pension Credit).

Contact the Education Welfare Benefits Team for details.

Need Help?

Contact the Education Welfare Benefits Team:

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