



# eFSM

## Free School Meals

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you don't also get Working Tax Credit and your annual income is £16,190 or less before tax)
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household earnings must be less than £7,400 a year after tax. This does not include any income from benefits.

The local authority where a learner goes to school (not where they live) is responsible for:

- providing the free school meal
- assessing the eligibility

To apply or for more information please contact [Newport City Council](#)

# School Essentials Grant

[Link](#)

Children whose families are on lower incomes and qualify for certain benefits can apply for a grant of:

- **£125 per learner**
- **£200 for learners** entering year 7 (to help with increased costs associated with starting secondary school)

The grant can help families with the purchase of:

- School **uniform** including coats and shoes;
- School **activities**, including learning a musical instrument, sports kit and other equipment for after school activities
- **Classroom essentials** e.g. school bags and stationery;

School years from reception to year 11 are now eligible if you meet the criteria.

Funding is also available to **all children looked-after** of compulsory school age, irrespective of Free School Meals entitlement

The local authority in which the looked-after child attends school is responsible for issuing the grant.

To apply for this grant please contact **Newport City Council**