



# Masefield Primary School

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## Applying for Free School Meals

Dear Parents/ Carers

Following feedback about the Free School Meal application process not being very user friendly and the waiting time for an outcome being up to 8 weeks, we have signed up to the Online Free School Meal checker to help make this process simpler. This provides an instant eligibility outcome so we can quickly confirm if you have qualified. If your application is declined, the system will continue to check for 42 days in case there is a delay in the system that has caused the decline.

The benefits of receiving Free School Meals are:

- A free school meal for your child, which is good for their health and could help their learning.
- Food vouchers over the school holidays (around £15 per child per week.)
- Extra money for the school through Pupil Premium, worth at least £1320 a year.

Remember, by registering your child for Free School Meals it means that Masefield receives extra money even if you don't take up the free meal. No one will know you have applied and it will not affect any other benefits that you are claiming. If your child is currently in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, you still need to apply. Using this new system, we are asking all parents to check for eligibility. Only one parent per household needs to apply but we can check each parent if requested. You can use the link [Online FSM Application \(cloudforedu.org.uk\)](https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk) or with your permission, we can apply confidentially on your behalf. In order to apply on your behalf, all we need is for you to complete the form overleaf, we do not need you to bring in any ID or evidence. We get replies the same day, so we can quickly confirm if you have qualified.

If you are in receipt of any of the benefits below, or feel that you may be, you can claim for Free School Meals. However, if you are not in receipt of any of these but feel that you may be eligible for Free School Meals, please fill in the form and a check can still be made and this will not affect any future claims.

- Income Support
- Jobseeker's Allowance Income based
- Employment Support Allowance income related
- Support under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit – as long as your letter shows that you have an income of less than £16,190 and do not get Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – your earned income must be less than £7,400 a year



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Please complete the following details and we can check on your behalf:

Title and Name of parent/ carer .....

Relationship to child .....

Parent/ carer date of birth .....

Email address .....

Address, including postcode .....

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Parent NI or Asylum number .....

Name of child .....

Gender .....

Child's date of birth .....

By signing below, you give permission for this check to be completed on the ESS portal by a member of the school office team on your behalf.

Signed .....

Date .....

If you require any further guidance or information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

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