

Netherhall School

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Free School Meals Information – November 2023

Did you know that just registering your child for Free School Meals means that the school gets extra money?

Register now to make sure we don't miss out. The Government is giving money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium'.

For every child registered Netherhall School receives £1035 this year. With this money we could buy in additional resources that children could benefit from. If you are registered for Free School Meals you could also get help with costs for school trips, and help towards school uniform

How does it work?

1. First, check if you qualify – it is not just if you are unemployed, so please look at the list on the next page.
2. Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify, contact the Business Manager, Mr Dale Stephenson or Assistant Headteacher, Mrs Poddington, on 01900 813434, who will help you to register.
3. If you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great – they will get the free meal (saving you more than £400 a year), extra benefits and the school gets extra money.
4. If you don't want your child to have the school meals they can continue as normal – as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still gets extra money. No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you are claiming. Please talk to us about registering your child today.

Do you qualify?

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' – the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Pupils can also register for Free School Meals if they get any of these benefits themselves.

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