

## Free School Meals

We want to make sure as many eligible pupils as possible are claiming their free school meals when they start Leas Park Junior School in September. The entitlement for universal infant free meals will end when your child leaves Year 2, so if you think you are eligible for free school meals, you will need to apply using the information below.

### Qualifying benefits

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of one or more of the qualifying benefits:

- Universal Credit
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after the person stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

### Registering for free school meals

The information needed to register includes:

- personal details (including national insurance number and date of birth) for the parent/carer
- child's details in full including their date of birth and the school they attend.

If eligible for free school meals the start date will normally be within two working days of parents contacting us and entitlement being verified.

Further information and the online application form are available on [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) If parents are unable to apply online please contact NCC on 0300 500 80 80 for further help.