



ST JAMES'
Church of England
Primary School



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Did you know that eligibility for Free School Meals has been expanded?

All households receiving Universal Credit now qualify for Free School Meals

You could save up to £592 per year - claim now to make sure you don't miss out!

In addition, for some children registered as entitled to Free School Meals, the school gets extra money from the government.

The government gives money to schools to help children from lower income families do their very best. This funding is called **pupil premium**.

**For every eligible child,
St James' will get an additional £1,550 this year.**

This money is an essential part of our school budget and is needed so we can continue to fund learning support staff for our pupils, online learning resources such as NumBots and Times Tables Rock Stars, and enriching activities like class trips and visitors. If you're registered for Free School Meals, you could also get help with the cost of school trips or music tuition.

Even if...

- your child has a packed lunch
- your child is having a free school dinner because they're in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2

...we still need you to register for Free School Meals, so we can benefit from the additional funding.

How do I apply?

Although eligibility will be automatically available to all families receiving Universal Credit, parents and carers still need to apply.

If you think the criteria apply to your household and either parent/carers are in receipt of Universal Credit, scan the QR code to take you to the Leeds City Council website, where you can complete the online application form.



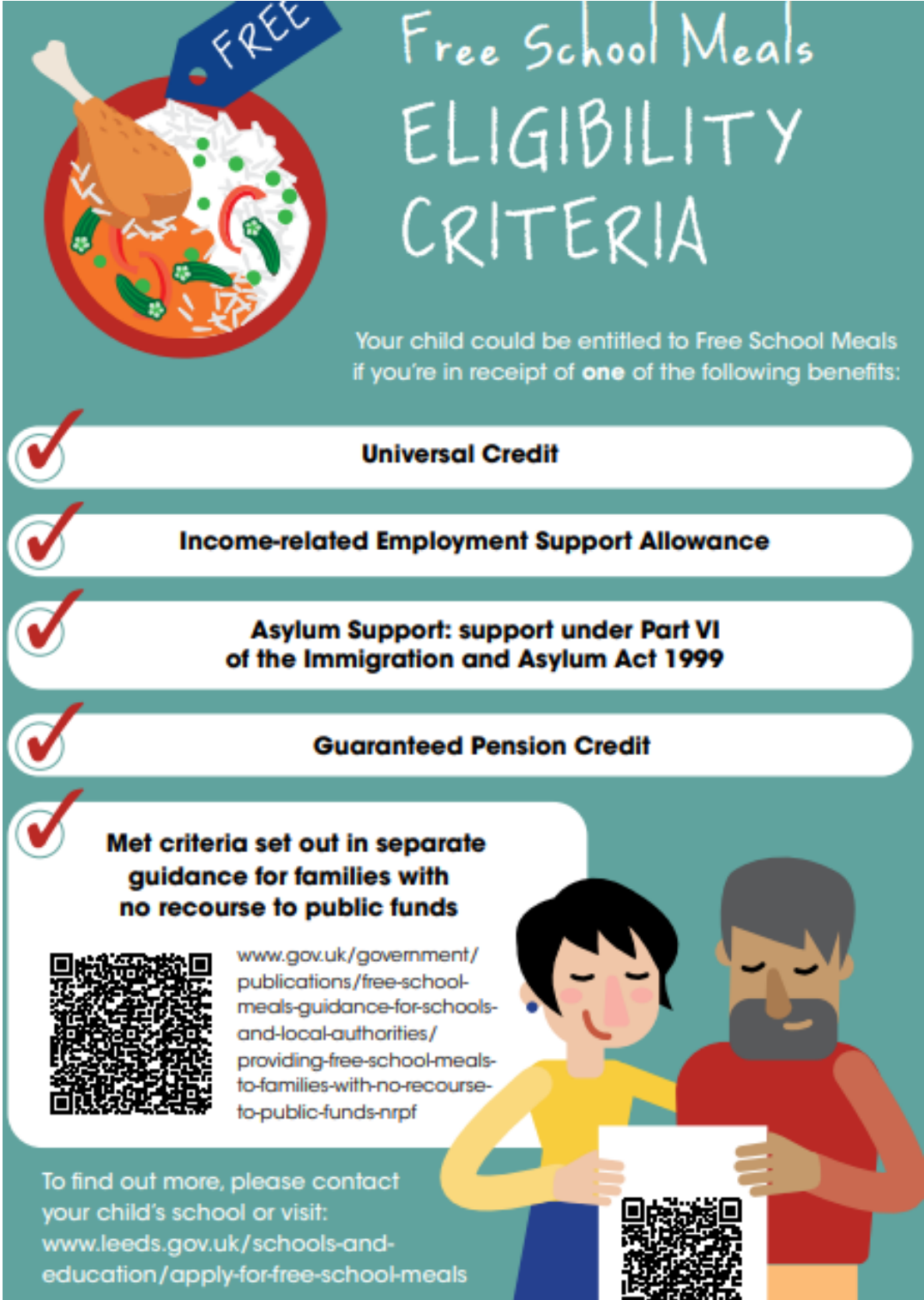
Alternatively, apply by:

- following this link: <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-for-free-school-meals>
- calling in to any Council One Stop Centre or local Housing Office
- phoning on **0113 222 4404**

What are the benefits?

In addition to the financial benefits, Free School Meals help ensure that children receive nutritious meals during the school day, supporting concentration and learning in the classroom, physical health and development, and overall wellbeing.

Talk to us about claiming Free School Meals today.



**Free School Meals
ELIGIBILITY
CRITERIA**

Your child could be entitled to Free School Meals if you're in receipt of **one** of the following benefits:

- ✓ **Universal Credit**
- ✓ **Income-related Employment Support Allowance**
- ✓ **Asylum Support: support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- ✓ **Guaranteed Pension Credit**
- ✓ **Met criteria set out in separate guidance for families with no recourse to public funds**

 www.gov.uk/government/publications/free-school-meals-guidance-for-schools-and-local-authorities/providing-free-school-meals-to-families-with-no-recourse-to-public-funds-nrpf

To find out more, please contact your child's school or visit:
www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-for-free-school-meals

