



# Claiming Free School Meals @ Highfields

A parent/carer claiming some benefits can claim free school meals for any of their children who attend a Stockport school or sixth form and would normally be at school at lunch time (however this does not include colleges). Any student who does not live in Stockport but is attending a Stockport school can also apply.

## Who can get Free School Meals?

A parent/carer can claim free school meals for their child if they receive any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Universal Credit (provided your earned income is no more than £616.67 in the last Universal Credit assessment period)
- income related Employment and Support Allowance
- income based Job Seekers Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit only with an income of less than £16,190
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit

## The many benefits of Free School Meals status...

Even if a student doesn't eat every day at school, by qualifying for Free School Meals, the school will receive extra funding. At Highfields, this funding can allow a student to benefit from support such as:

- Additional Tuition
- Vocational Placements
- 1-to-1 Mentoring
- Funded transport for up to six weeks during times of crisis

## How to apply:

Applications can be made online:

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/start/free-school-meals-application-form>

or via Google → 'Stockport Free School Meals'

Parents/carers struggling with accessing this website can contact school on 0161 406 7922 and we will assist with the application.