



Free School Meals at Drummond Community High School

Did you know the government gives additional funding to schools for those children entitled to free school meals (even if they don't have a school meal)?

At Drummond we use this money to help fund resources that improve the quality of education we offer our students.

Who is eligible?

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- 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 guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Why Should I Apply?

Even if your child does not wish to take up the option of having a school meal everyday, we would encourage you to register. This is because:

- Money is credited to our cashless system so there is no way for other pupils or staff to know that your child is on free school meals
- Money is credited at break time so your child could use it to buy a snack and still go out at lunch
- You may also receive a clothing grant paid directly into your bank account
- Your child may also receive help to pay for curricular activities such as FCT and school trips.

How Do I Apply?

Forms are available

- By clicking http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/506/free_meals_and_clothing_vouchers_application_form.pdf
- From the school office
- Under the Information for Parents tab on the website.

If you would like help with the form please come to one of our drop in sessions on

- Monday 13th August 1.45pm to 3pm
- Tuesday 14th August 9am-1pm

If these times are unsuitable or you wish to discuss this further please contact Liz Doyle on 0131 556 2651

Please bring your benefits certificate with you as we will need to photocopy it for your application.