

Free School Meals

You might be able to get free school meals if you are in receipt of 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. This is as long as you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual gross income is not more than £16,190.
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' payment (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).
- Universal Credit, as long as your household income is less than £7,400 a year after tax and not including any benefits you get.

To check, make an application online at:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk>

Search Free School Meals

**click the link and then scroll down to Apply For Free School Meals
(you will need your National Insurance Number)
or phone 01305 221090**

It is your responsibility to make this application.

Students in receipt of Free School Meals who attend Sturminster Newton High School are also entitled to a Uniform Allowance.

(see notes on Uniform Allowance on separate sheet)

Please note: If you were in receipt of the Free School Meal Allowance at Primary School, you will still need to re-apply. We give an allowance of £80 towards school uniform, so we need an up to date award notice to confirm the status of Free School Meals is still valid.

Uniform Allowance

The Uniform Allowance is provided by Sturminster Newton High School and is not a government or County allowance.

Not all schools provide a Uniform Allowance.

The Uniform Allowance of £80.00 towards school uniform is only available to parents in receipt of Free School Meals. If you think this is you, once you have applied for Free School Meals, please complete a green form available from the school office and attach it to your current award letter and return it to us as soon as possible.

The allowance is to provide items of uniform that are sold via the school website; alternatively, you can be reimbursed against itemised receipts for school clothing that meets the school uniform code.

The allowance will be provided every two years whilst your child/children attend Sturminster Newton High School.

It is your responsibility to make this application and to also inform the school if you are no longer entitled to the Uniform Allowance.

Any costs over and above £80.00 must be met by you.

You do not need to spend the whole £80.00 in one go.

Any unspent allowance will not be carried over and will reset every 2 years for as long as you remain entitled to the allowance.

