

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Secondary school pupils will get free school meals if their family receives:

Income Support,

- Income Related Employment Support Allowance,
- Income Based JobsSeeker's Allowance,
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit, or
- Child Tax Credit with an income less than £16,190
- Universal Credit if the net household earnings is less than £7400.

***Families who get Working Tax Credit do not qualify.**

Once you submit an application, you will be notified in writing of the outcome.

If you are eligible for free school meals, Llanishen High School will be notified so that they can update their records.

Free school meals are awarded for each child separately and not for the household. You will therefore need to complete a new application form if you have another child starting school for the first time.

Complete and return a **Free School Meal application**

The Free School Meals Team can be contacted as below

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Changes from 1st April 2019

Any pupil eligible for free school meals on the 1st April 2019 will have their eligibility protected, and this will apply until the end of the rollout of Universal Credit (currently scheduled for December 2023), regardless of whether their circumstances change.

Any pupil who becomes eligible under the new criteria during the rollout of Universal Credit (from 1st April 2019 to December 2023) will also retain their eligibility until the end of Universal Credit rollout, regardless of whether their circumstances change.

Once the rollout of Universal Credit has completed, transitional protection will continue until the protected child comes to the end of their current phase in education i.e. primary/secondary

If you would like more information the Welsh Government have put together some **useful information**