



## Free School Meals & Pupil Premium – Support for Your Child's Education

We'd like to let you know that if you're receiving certain benefits, your child may be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM). This not only ensures they have access to a nutritious lunch each day but also helps the school receive additional funding called Pupil Premium (PP).

Even if your child doesn't take the free meals, applying still benefits them as the funding helps us provide extra support in core subjects, subsidise trips, offer resources, and much more.

### How it works:

School meals are paid for using fingerprint technology, so whether your child receives FSM or pays normally, their status is completely anonymous.

### Who can apply for Free School Meals?

You can claim FSM if you receive any of the following:

- **Income Support**
- **Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)**
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **The guaranteed element of Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit** (as long as you're not also receiving Working Tax Credit and your annual income is below £16,190)
- **Working Tax Credit run-on** (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying)
- **Universal Credit** (with annual net earnings below £7,400 — that's less than £616.67 per month, not including benefits)

If you think you might be eligible, we strongly encourage you to apply. It's quick, confidential, and can make a real difference to your child's experience at school.

If you would like further information about claiming free school meals you can talk to the local Education Office on 01934 888888 (or Mandi Davies at Gordano School via [mailbox@gordanoschool.org.uk](mailto:mailbox@gordanoschool.org.uk)).

Alternatively, you can find details about applying for free school meals via North Somerset Council:

<https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/free-school-meals>