



Free School Meals at St Laurence

Free School Meals are confidential

St Laurence School has a biometric cashless catering system, which means that it is easy for pupils to buy a free school meal without anyone else knowing. Pupils whose parents have registered for free meals have the value of a meal credited automatically on to their biometric account. They use their finger scan or pin code to purchase their meal in the normal way.

Eligibility for free school meals

A child will be eligible for Free School Meals if their parents or guardians are in receipt of:

- **Income Support.**
- Income-based **Job Seekers Allowance.**
- Income-related **Employment and Support Allowance.**
- Support under **Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999** – National Asylum Seekers Support (NASS).
- The guarantee element of **State Pension Credit.**
- **Child tax Credit**, as long as you are NOT entitled to any element of Working Tax Credit and the family income does not exceed £16,190.
- **Working Tax Credit** 'run-on' – the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.
- **Universal Credit.**

Why do we want to encourage registration for free school meals?

Even if a pupil chooses not to get their free meal, the school receives additional funding for every child registered. Pupils who are registered for free meals are also eligible for other support from the school, such as for trips and uniform.

Application

The application form is available for download via - Information/Documents and Forms on the School Website or from Wiltshire Council <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-free-school-meals> in complete confidence.

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