

Templefield Lower School

'Inspiring all pupils to love learning, believe in themselves and achieve their best'

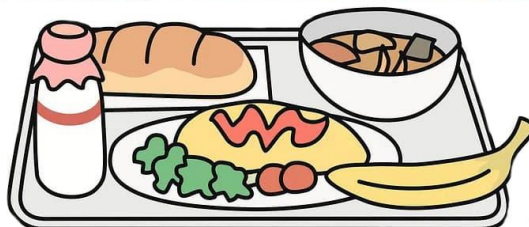


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15th September 2025

FAO: All Parents / Carers

Free School Meals



Dear Parents / Carers

Are you entitled?

If your child is eligible for free school meals, we want to encourage you to apply for them. Every child who gets free school meals receives additional funding through the 'Pupil Premium' grant.

How will this benefit my child?

If your child gets free school meals, you will receive:

- £25 Lowe-Go uniform voucher (per child, per year)
- £50 voucher for additional uniform (per child, per year)
- A fully-funded school trip (per child, per year)
- 50% discount on the Year 4 residential trip (per child)
- Supermarket vouchers during the school holidays (currently £17.50 per week, per child)
- Stationary pack to help with homework

How do I know if I qualify?

If you receive any of these benefits, your child may be eligible:

- Income support
- Income-based Jobseekers 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 (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit) if you have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run on – but not if you receive Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit, if your earned income after tax is £7,400 per year or less

How do I apply?

To apply for free school meals, call Central Bedfordshire Council on 0300 300 8306. In most cases, they will let you know straight away if you qualify and then they will tell the school. Your child will then get free school meals from the date you apply.

If you have any questions or need help applying, please speak to the school office or email office@templefield-lower.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

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