

Saint Ambrose College

FREE SCHOOL MEALS



If your child qualifies and is attending St Ambrose College, you need to apply online for free school meals, please [click here](#) to apply.

St Ambrose College can only issue free school meals to those students whose applications are approved by the Online Free School Meals (OFSM) system.

Please find below some information that you may find useful regarding free school meals:

What information do I need to apply for free school meals?

The online application will require you to input the following details, please have these to hand:

- Your own name and date of birth
- Contact details
- National Insurance Number or National Asylum Seekers Number
- Child's name and date of birth
- School your child is attending/will attend

Which children qualify for free school meals?

Your child may qualify if you have any of these incomes:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- The guaranteed part of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as your annual gross income is £16,190 or less and you don't get Working Tax Credit)
- Working Tax Credit run-on after you come off Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit that you applied for on, or after, 1st April 2018. As long as your household income is less than £7,400 a year after tax, not including any benefits.

Children who receive these benefits themselves instead of through a parent or carer can also qualify for free school meals.

Your child may qualify if you are an asylum seeker.

I have more than one child at the school can I make one application?

No. You will need to make an application for each child.

My child receives free school meals at their current school, they are moving to St Ambrose College, do I need to tell you?

If your child attends a school that is using OFSM then the school they attend can go onto the OFSM system and transfer the student's eligibility to St Ambrose College. Once they have done this we will receive a notification from the OFSM system and will be able to provide free school meals for your child.

If the school are unable to do this, or, if your child attends a school that does not use OFSM then you will need to click the link at the top of the page to make an application.

What happens once it is confirmed that my child is eligible for free school meals?

- The OFSM system will alert us that your child is eligible and we will update our records.
- The current free school meals allowance is £2.80.

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- The sum of £2.80 will be placed into your child's ParentMail account on a daily basis.
- Your child will present themselves at the till in the School Refectory as any other student would to pay for their food.
- As it is possible that your child will spend over their £2.80 free school meal allowance, we strongly advise that you make a payment into your child's ParentMail account to account for any overspend.
- At the end of each day, if any of the £2.80 free school meal allowance has not been spent the remainder of that allowance will be removed from the ParentMail account, your child is not entitled to carryover any underspend to the following day.

If you have any queries you can contact the school Finance Team by phone on 0161 980 2711 or via email finance@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk

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