



## Could you be entitled to Free School Meals, milk and a Clothing Grant?

Pupils from Primary 1-3 currently receive free school meals.

Pupils moving on to Primary 4 will have to pay for their school meals costing up to £10 per child per week (this totals up to £390 per year).

If you think you might be entitled to Free School Meals (from Primary 1-7), we ask that you complete the relevant form (forms available at school office or online at:

[https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/downloads/file/2830/free\\_school\\_meals\\_and\\_clothing\\_grant\\_application](https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/downloads/file/2830/free_school_meals_and_clothing_grant_application) .

**The number of children in receipt of free school meals has an impact on our PEF (Pupil Equity Funding) from Scottish Government.** This year 2017/2018 our PEF Fund totalled £84,000. This coming session 2018/2019 our PEF Fund will total £80,400. This money is having a **significant impact on improving outcomes for learners and closing the poverty related attainment gap** through targeted support and interventions.

### Your child can get free school lunches up until they're 16 if you're receiving:

- Universal Credit (where your monthly earned income is not more than £610)
- Income Support
- income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- income-based Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Your child is also entitled to free school lunches if you receive:

- Child Tax Credit, but not Working Tax Credit, and your income is less than £16,105
- both maximum Child Tax Credit and maximum Working Tax Credit and your income is under £6,420

Families can also receive **up to £100 per pupil** through a Clothing Grant.

### Further information can be found at:

[https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/855/school\\_meals/117/free\\_school\\_meals\\_and\\_clothing\\_grants](https://www.midlothian.gov.uk/info/855/school_meals/117/free_school_meals_and_clothing_grants)

<https://beta.gov.scot/policies/schools/wellbeing-in-schools/> (See Financial support for learning section)