

# FREE SCHOOL MEALS AT SWISS VALLEY



**Free school meals**  
If you are a low income household you may be eligible for free school meals. Find out if you are eligible and apply online.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Free School Meals are available to children, parents and guardian receiving one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Job Seekers Allowance (Income Based)
- Support under part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, but DO NOT receive Working Tax Credit, and their annual income (as assessed by the Inland Revenue) does not exceed £16,190 unless Working Tax Credit is part of a four week run on.
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Universal Credit, provided the household has an annualised net earned income of no more than £7,400

Please note: If you are in receipt of Working Tax Credit in addition to any of these benefits you will not be eligible for free meals, even if the household income is below £16,190.

Once we receive application, we will aim to process it within 5 working days. You will be notified of the award by e-mail or by letter.

If you are already claiming free school meals for your child, there is no need to re-apply for each new school year this entitlement will automatically follow your child to the next stage of their education (e.g. in September).

If the child is moving to a new school e.g. moving from primary to secondary school, the new school will be advised of your entitlement without the need to re-apply, but you will need to notify us of this change.

If your child transfers to another school within Carmarthenshire at any other time or for any other reason, again entitlement will automatically follow your child, but you will need to notify us of this change.

You need to let us know if the child or your circumstances change, for example:

- You start work
- Your benefit changes
- You change address
- You have another child starting school for the first time
- Your child no longer lives with you
- Your child changes school

Failure to notify us in any changes to your benefit/income may mean you have to pay for any meals taken whilst you were not eligible.

The Welsh Government has produced [Frequently Asked Questions](#) sheets regarding the new guidelines for free school meals.

[APPLY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS DOWNLOAD CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES FORM](#)