



Sherburn High School

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Dear parents and carers,

Could your child be eligible for Free School Meals?

We want to ensure that we provide the best possible education here at Sherburn High School, supporting students to achieve their potential. A healthy meal at lunchtime is an essential part of this.

As you know, families that meet certain criteria (see below) may be eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals. We want to support our families to apply to receive these for free wherever applicable. Alongside free lunch during term time, being registered for benefits-related Free School Meals also entitles your child to **[free activities and meals during the Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays through FEAST.](#)**



[What is FEAST - North Yorkshire Together](#)

FEAST offers children and young people in North Yorkshire a range of holiday activities, with free places and a free meal for eligible families.

northyorkshiretogether.co.uk

Further, when students are registered for benefits-related Free School Meals, our school receives additional funding ('Pupil Premium'), which is pooled and used for extra support and initiatives throughout school. At Sherburn High School this means that your child would benefit from subsidised Education Trips and Visits, revision resources and far more.

It's vital for everyone that all children who are eligible for Free School Meals are registered as such.

What do I need to do?

Many families qualify for benefits-related Free School Meals without realising. We would encourage families to apply, even if they have been unsuccessful in the past or if you believe you are not entitled.

You can apply for Free School Meals on the North Yorkshire Council website here: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>

Eligibility criteria for benefits-related Free School Meals:

- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods (£616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are also not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household gross income that does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by HMRC)
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

“Not costing the earth!”

Would you like to save yourself some money? Would you like to benefit the environment? Do you have any school uniform that no longer fits your child, but is too good to go to waste?

We are keen to trial running a second-hand uniform store and need your help!

Before the end of term, we will be asking for donations of pre-loved uniform items. Students, parents and carers will be able to drop off items (details to follow) and we will trial opening our second-hand uniform shop on selected days during the summer holidays.

Watch this space for more details!

Responding to your feedback

The recent STAR MAT Parent/Carer survey identified that parents and carers would like more information about things that take place at school, especially in relation to the curriculum. As part of our School Development Plan 2023-24 we have been focussing on Literacy and exploring ways we can build a culture of reading.

Find out more by reading our Literacy Bulletin which is attached.

And finally...

The weather forecast for next week looks like things are (finally) heating up! Please can I encourage all students to bring a water bottle with them and to leave their coats and jumpers at home!

As always thank you for your ongoing support,

Kind regards

Miriam Oakley
Headteacher