

School Meals

'The Farm Kitchen' at Sleaford is our school meal provider. Meat, vegetarian and vegan options are available every day, they offer hot meals and a packed lunch option daily, if children prefer. Meals can be ordered online via their website www.thefarmkitchen.com/

Universal Infant Free School Meals

All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible to receive a school meal at no cost to the parent/carer. Choosing a school lunch for your child/children helps to save you up to £450 per year. A school lunch will also provide a varied and balanced diet and provide the right amount of energy to ensure that your child can work well in the afternoons.

- We will set up an account for your child with the Farm Kitchen.
- Log in details will be sent to you before your child's start date.
- You will need to access your account regularly to view the weekly menu and place orders.
- Please ensure you log your email address on your Farm Kitchen account. They will send you reminders when it is time to place your order and let you know when they are having a special event such as Christmas dinner.
- The ordering deadline is 3pm on Tuesday of the preceding week.
- If you do not wish to take up the UIFSM entitlement for the foreseeable future, please let the School Office know at the earliest opportunity and we can arrange for your child's account to be deactivated. Please note that the account can be reactivated should you wish the meals to resume.

Benefit-Related Free School Meals

Children are entitled to receive benefit-related FSMs if they or their parents or guardians receive any of the benefits below:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's 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 (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

During your school application, Lincs County Council ask permission to check if your child is FSM eligible. Shortly after your child starts school, LCC will notify us if he/she is eligible.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 your child will automatically be eligible for a free school meal



(Universal Free School Meal), however we would encourage you to still apply for benefit-related FSMs as your child will be entitled to additional funding to support them during their time at school (pupil premium). If you did not do this during your child's school application, you can apply now using the LCC parent portal:

<https://lcc.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/parentportal>

Once you have set up an account and added your child you will be able to submit a FSM application. You will be required to enter your National Insurance number and date of birth at this point. You will be informed if your child is eligible for FSMs by LCC via email. **Please note that you must make an application for each of your children. Siblings are not automatically eligible.**

To: The School Office

Farm Kitchen Permission Form

Name of child: _____

Name of parent: _____

When we set up your account with the Farm Kitchen, they will ask us to share your email address so that they can contact you direct in the event of payment failure/technical issues with your order/to send you ordering deadline reminders. Please advise on the form below if we have permission to pass this on;

I do not give permission for my email address to be shared with the Farm Kitchen ☐

I give permission for my email address to be shared with the Farm Kitchen ☐

Please use the following email address: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

