



Manor Community College

a DCSF designated Specialist Creative and Performing Arts College
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Free School Lunches

Your child could qualify for free lunches at school. Local authorities must provide free lunches for eligible pupils, paid-for meals where requested and good facilities and supervision so pupils can eat safely.

School lunches

All food provided by local authorities must meet national nutritional standards. These ensure that children are provided with a healthy, balanced diet. The new standards, introduced in September 2006, require the following:

- high-quality meat, poultry or oily fish regularly available
- at least two portions of fruit and vegetables with every meal
- bread, other cereals and potatoes regularly available

Additionally, there are controls on the following foods:

- deep-fried food limited to no more than two portions per week
- fizzy drinks, crisps, chocolate and other confectioneries removed from school meals and vending machines.

Further standards for food other than lunch were introduced in September 2007.

If the school's budget includes an amount for lunches and refreshments it is the governors' responsibility to provide free and paid-for meals facilities and to meet the nutritional standards.

Free school lunches

Parents do not have to pay for school lunches if they receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £15,575
- the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

Children who receive Income Support or income-based Job Seeker's Allowance in their own right qualify as well. All pupils who do not qualify for free school lunches must be charged the same amount for the same quantity of the same item.

Further information

For more information or to apply, please telephone the Education Welfare Benefits Service on 0345 045 1361 or go online and visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/education/parents/help/lunches/

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