

CLOTHING GRANTS AND FREE SCHOOL MEALS



Eligibility

If you live in Liverpool and receive any of the following benefits you are eligible to apply for a **school clothing grant** for your child. If you receive any of the first six, you can also claim for **free school meals** :-

- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and do not get Working Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit.

If you receive Housing Benefit or Council Tax Support there is no need to complete the form - just contact Liverpool City Council and they will update your details to include free school meals.

Note: if you are over 18 and still attend school, you can claim for free school meals if you receive any of the first three allowances listed above.

How to Claim

- Download and complete the claim form from the Liverpool City Council website and return it to the address shown on the form
- Visit a One Stop Shop and request a form
- Contact Liverpool Direct and request a form

Clothing Grant Value

You will receive a £20.00 grant for primary school children and £40.00 grant for children in year 7 to 11. This will be paid directly into your bank account or by cheque.

How are school meals paid?

If your claim is successful the school will be notified that your child can have free school meals. Schools will ensure that this information is treated with the strictest confidence and handled sensitively.

Change of Circumstances

You must inform Liverpool City Council if your circumstances change. For example, if you no longer receive benefits, move house or change school as this may affect your right to claim.