



All Head Teachers of
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Dear Colleague,

Welsh Government
School Uniform Grant 2017/18

I am pleased to confirm that the School Uniform Grant will continue in 2017/18 at the current level of £105 per eligible child.

The scheme is targeted specifically at pupils entering year 7 of secondary school who are claiming free school meals (FSM).

From the 3 July 2017 and up to the 31 January 2018, the Finance Department will periodically e-mail schools confirmation of pupils in receipt of a FSM and entering year 7 of secondary school. Only upon this confirmation can **secondary schools award the £105 grant** which may be done in the form of a cheque, uniform pack or voucher to a nominated uniform supplier.

No application to receive this grant is required by parents other than ensuring their child is on the FSM register. The eligibility criteria for FSM will remain the same as in previous years.

Free School Meal Eligibility

Free school meals are available to children whose parents or guardians are currently receiving one of the following benefits:

- Child Tax Credit – where total annual income is also less than £16,190
- Income Support (with responsibility for children)
- Income Based Job Seekers' Allowance (with responsibility for children)
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of state Pension Credit
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related) ESA(IR))
- Universal Credit

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- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Pupils who receive Income Support or income-based Job Seekers' Allowance in their own right are also eligible to receive free school meals.

An online application for free school meals can be made via the Council's website <http://www.rctcbc.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>.

Alternatively, if they are in receipt of Housing Benefit or Council Tax Benefit they can make a telephone application by contacting 01443 680363.

Please contact Claire Mitchell-Bowen on 01443 680638 for any further information relating to the School Uniform Grant.

Yours sincerely,

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