



Education Resources
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Dear Parent/carer,

School clothing grants and Free School Meals

I would like to draw your attention to the following information.

It is the Council's intention to increase the uptake of clothing grants and free school meals within South Lanarkshire. To do this the Council will use the information that it holds on Housing Benefit and/or Council Tax Reduction records to automatically award free school meals (P4 to S6) and/or school clothing grants (P1 to S6) to eligible families.

If you are in receipt of Housing Benefit and/or Council Tax Reduction from South Lanarkshire Council there is no need for you to complete an online application.

If you are not in receipt of Housing Benefit and/or Council Tax Reduction, please see the qualifying criteria below and make an online application at <https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/xfp/form/683>

Free school meals

If you are in receipt of Housing Benefit and/or Council Tax Reduction from South Lanarkshire Council and you have a child who attends a school in South Lanarkshire, there is no need for you to apply online. We will use the information we hold to automatically award free school meals and/or school clothing grants to eligible families.

If you have a child who attends a South Lanarkshire school they are entitled to free school meals if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Universal Credit (and your earned income is less than £726 as assessed by the Department for Work and Pensions in the assessment period immediately preceding the application for free school meals)
- Job Seekers Allowance (income based)
- Employment and Support Allowance (income related)
- Child Tax Credit only (with a gross annual income less than £18,725 as assessed by HM Revenues and Customs on your Tax Credit Award Notice TC602)
- Working Tax Credit and Child Tax credit (with a gross annual income less than £8,717) as assessed by HM Revenues and Customs on your Tax Credit Award Notice (TC602)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

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School clothing grants

You will be entitled to a clothing grant to buy school uniform if you have a child who attends a school in South Lanarkshire and you are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

From 2023/24, clothing grants will be extended to 3 and 4 year olds in early years establishments (nurseries). You will be entitled to a clothing grant to buy a uniform if you have a child who attends an early years establishment (nursery) or school in South Lanarkshire and you are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Universal Credit (and your earned income is less than £1,390 as assessed by the Department for Work and Pensions in the assessment period immediately preceding your application for a clothing grant)
- Job Seekers Allowance (income based)
- Employment and Support allowance (income related)
- Housing Benefit and/or Council Tax Reduction
- Working Tax Credit and/or Child Tax Credit (where your gross annual income is less than £18,725 as assessed by HM Revenues and Customs on your Tax Credit Award Notice TC602)

For the academic year 2023/24, you will receive a grant of £130 for each early years establishment (nursery) child and primary school child in the family, and £150 for each secondary school child in the family. Please note, children returning for 5th or 6th year will have their awards paid from August, once their school has confirmed that they are attending.

Please note that Single Person Discount on your Council Tax is not classed as Council Tax Reduction. Universal Credit recipients should only apply online if they are not receiving Council Tax Reduction

For further information please see the South Lanarkshire Council Website:

https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/forms/form/135/en/clothing_grantfree_school_meals_application

Family leisure concession card

If you are in receipt of certain benefits, you and your family may qualify for a leisure concession card giving you up to 50% off the cost of swimming, fitness classes, children's activities and other activities with South Lanarkshire Leisure.

Further details can be found at: https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/SLLC/info/36/leisure_for_all

Yours Sincerely

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