



# Raising Attainment for All

## Free School Meals/Clothing Grant/Free Milk

Children in P1 – P5 receive free school meals in local authority schools across Scotland to help ensure every child has the best possible start in life and gets every chance to succeed at school. However, you may not be aware that although the children receives free school meals parents can also apply for free milk and a clothing grant of £120 for their child if they meet the criteria.

Children in Primary 6 onwards who are eligible for free school meals do NOT automatically receive free school meals and will have to apply, you can claim free school meals, free milk and a clothing grant of £120 for each child if you are receiving any of the following benefits:

- \* Income Support (IS)
- \* Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance (JSA)
- \* Any income related element of Employment and Support Allowance
- \* Child Tax Credit (CTC), but not Working Tax Credit, and your income is less than £18,725
- \* Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit with annual income up to £8717
- \* Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- \* Universal Credit, where take home pay does not exceed £726 per month

For every child that is registered for free school meals the school gains financially through the Pupil Equity Fund, which helps the school in providing resources and staffing to support your child's learning.

You can only apply online, so please go to the Midlothian Council website [Free school meals and clothing grants | Midlothian Council](#) to apply and also see guidance notes along with frequently asked questions.

If you wish to discuss this further or have any queries or require any support completing the online FSM application form then please contact **Lee Grieve, Home School Practitioner on 07990 136 849 or 0131 271 4645 or by email at [lee.grieve@midlothian.gov.uk](mailto:lee.grieve@midlothian.gov.uk).**

