



St Mark's Primary School



Government Funded Free Meal Entitlement & Clothing Grants

Why should I sign-up?

The Scottish Government's “Pupil Equity Funding” means that we can access funding to support your child in school.

- If you meet the conditions then you are allowed additional benefits, which would be either for clothing and/or free school meals.
- If your child is in P1 – P3 and will receive free school meals anyway, it is still important that you sign up so that you can apply year on year after they have left P3.
- The current school funding formula, implemented by the Scottish Government is allocated against the number of children registered for FME. If families who are entitled to this benefit do not register for it then it is possible that the school will also be missing out on the allocation of funds.

Do I Qualify for Free School Meal Entitlement and/or Clothing Grants?

You can apply if your child attends an East Renfrewshire primary school or secondary school. You also need to receive a qualifying benefit. The grid below outlines the benefit(s) that are eligible.

WILL I QUALIFY?	CLOTHING GRANT	FREE SCHOOL MEALS
Employment and Support Allowance (Income related)	Yes	Yes
Income Support	Yes	Yes
Job Seekers Allowance (Income based)	Yes	Yes
Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit with a gross or projected annual household income of less than £16,105 for 2016/17 as assessed on your 2017/18 HM Revenue & Customs tax credits award letter (TC602)	Yes	Yes
Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit with a gross annual household income of less than £6,420 for 2016/17 as assessed on your 2017/18 HM Revenue & Customs tax credit award letter (TC602)	Yes	Yes
Child Tax Credit and/or Working Tax Credit with a gross annual income of below £16,105 but above £6,420 for year 2016/17 as assessed on your 2017/18 tax credit award letter from HM Revenues and Customs (TC602)	Yes	No
Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999	Yes	Yes
Housing benefit	Yes	No
Universal Credit - Maximum monthly income of £610.00	Yes	Yes

Proof of Qualifying Benefits

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Employment and Support Allowance (income related)

- ERC residents - we'll automatically check our benefits system.
- Non ERC residents - provide your current award letter.

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Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit

- 2017/18 Tax Credit award letter showing 2016/17 assessed income.
- Annual review award notice for yourself and your partner (where applicable) showing your total household income. You must also provide your P60.

Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act

- Recent confirmation letter from Home Office. This must be no more than 3 months old.

Housing benefit

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Universal credit

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In addition to the funding you receive, the government are offering schools financial support per eligible child. Substantial opportunities and resources can be accessed with this.



You must provide original documents

Please post to:

East Renfrewshire Council HQ
Eastwood Park
Rouken Glen Road
Giffnock
G46 6UG

You can also hand deliver documents to the council offices.

What happens next?

After you apply:

- Payment of £75 per child will normally be made to your bank account within 15 working days of receipt of your application. This applies to applications with full and correct information
- If you are entitled to free school meals we will notify the school. We will not write to you separately to confirm this.
- If you have made a placing request or your child is entering P1 or S1 payment will be made when your child's details have been verified by the school.
- If your child is entitled to leave school a clothing grant will not be paid until confirmation has been received from school that they have returned after the summer break.

How do I apply?

You can apply online at:

https://ercselfservice.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/Ef3/General.jsp?form=SS_EducBenefits&page=pg_termsandconditions

For more information about the process and what is involved, please check East Renfrewshire Councils Website: <http://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

Not sure, or need help with the form completion? Let us know and we will do our best to support you with the filling in of the forms.

Lunch Menus

Early Years Menu - <http://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/article/8939/Nursery-lunch-menu>

Primary 1 to 7 Menu - <http://www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/article/8930/Primary-4-to-7-lunch-menu>

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