



# Application for Free School Meals/Assistance with School Clothing/Footwear

## Guidance Notes for Applicant – 2019/2020

### YOU MUST READ THESE GUIDANCE NOTES BEFORE COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION

Application forms for the start of school session 2019/2020 cannot be processed until after 1 July 2019 and should not be submitted prior to this date. Supporting evidence from Jobcentre Plus must be dated within 6 weeks of the date of your claim and Tax Credit Award Notices (TC602) must relate to financial year 2019/2020. Should you require assistance to complete your application please telephone (01738) 476200 or enquire at Pullar House Reception, 35 Kinnoull Street, Perth, PH1 5GD.

### FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSM)

*Please see attached application form for qualifying benefits*

- Free School Meals are now offered to ALL pupils in P1- P3 without the need for parents/carers to submit an application form. However, this application form **must** be completed if you also require assistance with school clothing/footwear for your child in P1-P3.
- If you are between 16 and 18 years old and receive any of the qualifying benefits listed on the application form, you can apply for free school meals in your own right.
- Please note: Free school meal entitlement is valid only for the current school year (August 2019 to June 2020). **A NEW APPLICATION IS REQUIRED FOR EACH SCHOOL YEAR.**
- **Claims cannot be backdated and entitlement will start from the date valid applications are approved.**

### ASSISTANCE WITH SCHOOL CLOTHING/FOOTWEAR (SC/F)

*Please see attached application form for qualifying benefits.*

- Parents/carers in receipt of a qualifying benefit will receive £100 per child in Primary and Secondary School. Assistance with school clothing/footwear is **not** awarded to nursery pupils.
- Children over 16 who are eligible to apply for an Education Maintenance Allowance will **NOT** be entitled to a clothing grant (contact secondary schools or Pullar House reception for further information).
- Please note only one application will be granted within each school year (August 2019 to June 2020).

### TO ENABLE US TO PROCESS YOUR APPLICATION PROMPTLY, PLEASE:

- Ensure that you complete the information requested in all sections. List all of your children (regardless of Perth & Kinross school attended) on the same application form.
- Ensure that the application gives details of the person receiving the qualifying benefit and is signed by that person.
- Note if you are applying for free school meals under the criteria of Child Tax Credits and/or Working Tax Credits, you must provide a **full** copy of your current (2019/2020) Tax Credits Award Notice (TC602). *If you have been issued with a Tax Credit Annual Review notice (TC603) and your circumstances have not changed from last year, you should submit this notice along with the last Tax Credit Award Notice you received.*

Submit your application **directly** to Education & Children's Services, Support for Schools and Education Services, Pullar House, 35 Kinnoull Street, Perth, PH1 5GD.

### IMPORTANT NOTES

**No payments for Assistance with School Clothing/Footwear will be made prior to 01 August 2019**

In order to avoid delays please check that all information requested is included with your application. This will assist us to complete processing procedures before school commences in August. Please note however that applications received after 01 August 2019 may not be processed in time for the start of the new school term.

Please e-mail any queries you may have: [ecsschools@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:ecsschools@pkc.gov.uk)



## Application for Free School Meals and/or Assistance with School Clothing/Footwear

**BEFORE completing this application form you must read the attached guidance notes**

Your Details (Please complete in block capitals and in ink)			
Parent/Carer Name and Address:		Relationship to child: (e.g. parent/carer)	
		Parent/Carer DOB:	
Telephone Number:		National Insurance No:	
Email address:			

Pupil(s) Details				
Forename	Surname	Date of Birth	Stage (19/20)	Name of School attended in Perth & Kinross

When did you last apply? \_\_\_\_\_ To which Local Authority? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are you currently in receipt of Housing Benefit and can we use Housing Benefit records to verify your application? (Please tick)  
 Yes  No

Please tick which benefit you receive: You must supply proof of benefit (see guidance notes)			For Office Use		
If you receive	You are entitled to	Tick Here	Date	Seen By	Income
Income Support	FSM and Assistance with SC/F*				
Income Based Job Seeker's Allowance	FSM and Assistance with SC/F*				
Income Related Employment and Support Allowance	FSM and Assistance with SC/F*				
Child Tax Credit (but not Working Tax Credit) with a household annual income below £16,105	FSM and Assistance with SC/F*				£
Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit with a household annual income below £6,900	FSM and Assistance with SC/F*				£
Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999	FSM and Assistance with SC/F*				
Universal Credit where the monthly earned income does not exceed £610	FSM and Assistance with SC/F*				

**Declaration and Undertaking**      **WARNING: to give false information may result in prosecution.**

I declare that the information given is true and complete. I authorise Perth & Kinross Council to verify any information given on this form should they wish to do so. **I agree to inform you without delay if my circumstances change** and I acknowledge that free school meals may end immediately upon receipt of this information.

**\*If you are applying for assistance with school clothing/footwear please complete Bank/Building Society Mandate on reverse\***

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

For official use only  
SEEMIS Ref:

Approved (tick)

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# Bank/Building Society Mandate

If applying for Assistance with School Clothing/Footwear you must complete this mandate and return it with your application

**AWARD(S) CANNOT BE PAID INTO A POST OFFICE ACCOUNT**

You must inform us immediately of any changes to the details you provide below. Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS and in ink.

Please select one of the following (✓)

I agree to my award payment going directly into the account detailed below.

OR

I confirm I do not have access to a nominated bank or building society account and acknowledge this may cause a delay in payment being made. **Please note that in order to receive payment by cheque you must be able to provide The Royal Bank of Scotland with both photographic ID and a utility bill.**

Bank/Building Society Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank/Building Society Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Account Holders Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sort-Code (6 digits) 

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Bank/Building Society Account Number (8 digits) 

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Building Society Roll/Reference Number 

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The claimant requires to ensure that the sort code and account number is accurate as by signing this application the claimant confirms that Perth & Kinross Council will not be liable to recompense the claimant for any payment not received in the intended bank/building society account due to an error in the information provided by the claimant.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**HOW WE USE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION**  
The information provided by you will be used by Perth & Kinross Council in assessing your application for free school meals and assistance with school clothing/footwear. The information will not be disclosed to third parties.  
The Council may check information provided by you, or information about you provided by a third party, with other information held by us. We may also get information from certain third parties or share your information with them in order to verify its accuracy, prevent or detect crime, protect public funds or where required by law.  
*For further information, please look at our website [www.pkc.gov.uk/dataprotection](http://www.pkc.gov.uk/dataprotection); email [dataprotection@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:dataprotection@pkc.gov.uk) or phone 01738 477933.*

**Please return completed applications to Education & Children's Services, Support for Schools and Education Services, Pullar House, 35 Kinnoull Street, Perth, PH1 5GD**