

# Count me in!



Cambridgeshire  
County Council

If you apply for free school meals for your child, and tell us that you are on a low income, you should secure significant additional funding for their school, called **Pupil Premium**.

Schools spend this money on anything that can help these children do well at school, including trips, activities and extra support.



# Can we ‘count you in’?

Although all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 students can receive free school meals from September 2014, schools can only receive **Pupil Premium** for children from families on a lower income, and only if you **tell them that you are eligible**.

- ✓ You can save £400 per child if you currently pay for school dinners for older children
- ✓ None of the other children can tell who gets free school meals
- ✓ School meals are healthy
- ✓ Your child doesn't have to eat school dinners every day, the school will still get the funding as long as you apply

**So please call us if you are in receipt of any of the following benefits, whatever year your child is in:**

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, but not Working Tax Credit, if your annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) does not exceed £16,190
- Guarantee element of state pension credit

**Please note** if you are entitled to Working Tax Credit during the four-week period after your employment ends, or you start working less than 16 hours a week, your children will be eligible for free school meals.

**Telephone: 01223 703 200**

**Alternatively you can:**

- email us: [ewb.fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:ewb.fsm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)
- apply online: [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)
- talk to your child's school

