

## Free School Meals

Have your circumstances changed?

Do you think your child might be entitled to a Free School Meal?

If so, you can discuss it in confidence by telephoning the Cheshire East Free School Meals Team or apply online via our local Education Authority website. All information regarding eligibility is available on the Cheshire East website below.

Successful claims to Cheshire East can begin the same day if no further information is required and confirmation has been received by school from Cheshire East.

**Free School Meals claims cannot be backdated so make sure you apply as soon as you can.**

**If your child attends Brine Leas School, then parents/carers need to make an application to Cheshire East:**

Telephone: 0300 123 5012

Website: [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/fsm](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/fsm)

Email: [freeschoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk)

**What you need to do once your child's Free School Meal entitlement has been confirmed by Cheshire East?**

- ❖ Email [finance@brineleas.co.uk](mailto:finance@brineleas.co.uk) to advise that you have made a successful application for FSM. Include your child's name and form.
- ❖ This information is strictly confidential and as soon as you have had the entitlement confirmed by Cheshire East, we can update our systems.
- ❖ **Important things to know about the Free School Meal allowance**
- ❖ The free school meal allowance to £2.65 as of September 2023.
- ❖ Currently the school meal deal is the same price as the FSM allowance. **All 3 items on the meal deal must be purchased at the same time for the deal to apply and they must be the specific items included in the meal deal.**
- ❖ Your child will still be served in the canteen / at their usual till point as normal.
- ❖ There is no indication at the till that your child is entitled to FSM, the items will go through the till against their finger and then the FSM allowance is credited back to your child's account on a daily basis.
- ❖ If your child spends over the FSM allowance in 1 day, then you will need to top up their WisePay account to cover the additional spend:  
[WisePay](#)
- ❖ FSM is a daily allowance and cannot be rolled into the next day. **If it is not spent that day, it will be lost.**
- ❖ However, if your child overspends then your WisePay account will go overdrawn unless you have topped up your account. Please make sure there are sufficient funds on your account to cover any shortfall.
- ❖ If you are having difficulties logging onto WisePay, please email [finance@brineleas.co.uk](mailto:finance@brineleas.co.uk)