

# FREE SCHOOL MEAL SERVICE - OUR OFFER TO YOU

Cambridgeshire County Council's Education Welfare Benefits (EWB) team offer a comprehensive 'peace of mind' Free School Meal entitlement service.

On your behalf we manage the full identifying, checking and approval process - taking the pressure off you.

*“ I really enjoy working with the EWB team. They are knowledgeable, fast, efficient, and helpful. Their level of support both via email and phone is fantastic. ”*

**St Matthews Primary School**

Eligibility is established via an online portal which checks data held by the Department for Work & Pensions, the Home Office and HMRC.

All applications are processed within 3 working days of receipt.

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## WHY SCHOOLS USE US:

We find out which children are entitled to free school meals, and keep you up to date on changes.

We handle all free school meal administration and queries thereby freeing your staff of these tasks and responsibilities.

You will have unlimited access to telephone and email support from us.

By using us, schools are maximising and optimising Pupil Premium income.

## WE HELP PARENTS

Our online application process is straight-forward, and offers instant, accurate results.

Parents can make an application using any smart device, or choose to do so over the phone or on a traditional form.

Rejected applicants are regularly checked for eligibility, to identify families whose circumstances have changed.

## HOW PARENTS APPLY

Online applications are preferred and can be made at: [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

Paper 'Count Me In' forms are available for those with no internet access.

Telephone applications can be made with a member of the EWB Team in the event that neither of the above are appropriate