

## Free School Meals payments during School Holidays

The Scottish Government recently announced additional funding for Free School Meals for Local Authorities.

As a result, a Free School Meals payment of £13.50 per child can be made to all eligible families for the October holiday and free School Meals payments will also be made for the Christmas, February and Easter holidays.

If you are in receipt of Free School Meal Entitlement and have not received this payment into your bank account or through a Payment point yet, you may have received a letter from CEC with a link to an online form, so you can provide their bank/payment details. Please beware that this link has only been sent to parents who are already in receipt of Free School Meals.

If you applied for Free School Meals before the October holidays and haven't been awarded Free School Meals yet, your application will automatically be considered their entitlement to payments for the October break when your application is processed.

**If you are not in receipt of Free School Meals and haven't applied, you must do so on or before 30/11/20 using the online form (<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/xfp/form/221>) so that your application can be processed.**

Parents/carers can continue to apply for Free School Meals/Clothing Grant after 30/11/20 but they will not get the October holiday payment.