Lincolnshire COUNTY COUNCIL
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ARE YOU IN RECEIPT OF ANY OF THE BENEFITS BELOW?

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support • Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance • Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

IF SO, YOUR CHILD MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS. IF SO THEY WILL ALSO QUALIFY FOR PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING FOR YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL

Free school meals offer a healthy, wide selection of options for your child at lunch time and can save families approximately £460 per year.

If your child is in the infants and already has school meals, check to see if your child will continue to receive free school meals when they are older by applying using the Parent Portal.

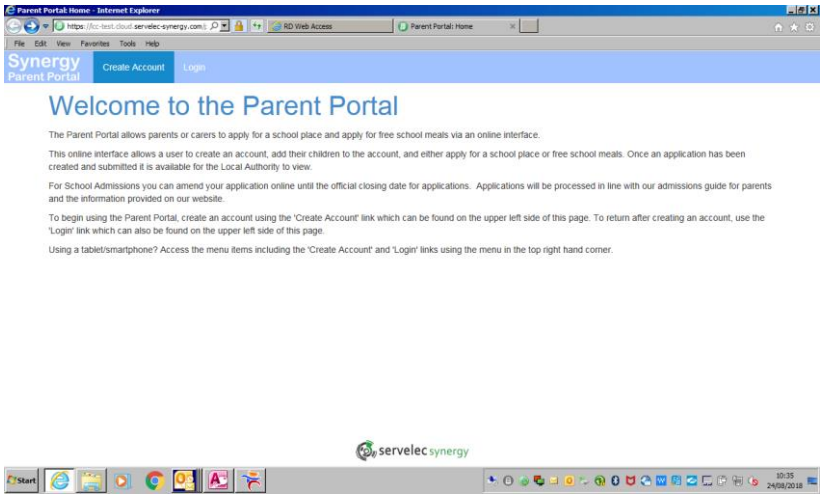
If you are unable to access the online portal below please contact your child's school, email free_school_meals@lincolnshire.gov.uk or contact the Customer Service Centre Tel (01522) 782030 for assistance.

GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Create an account using your email address on the online Parent Portal :

https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals/

Step 1



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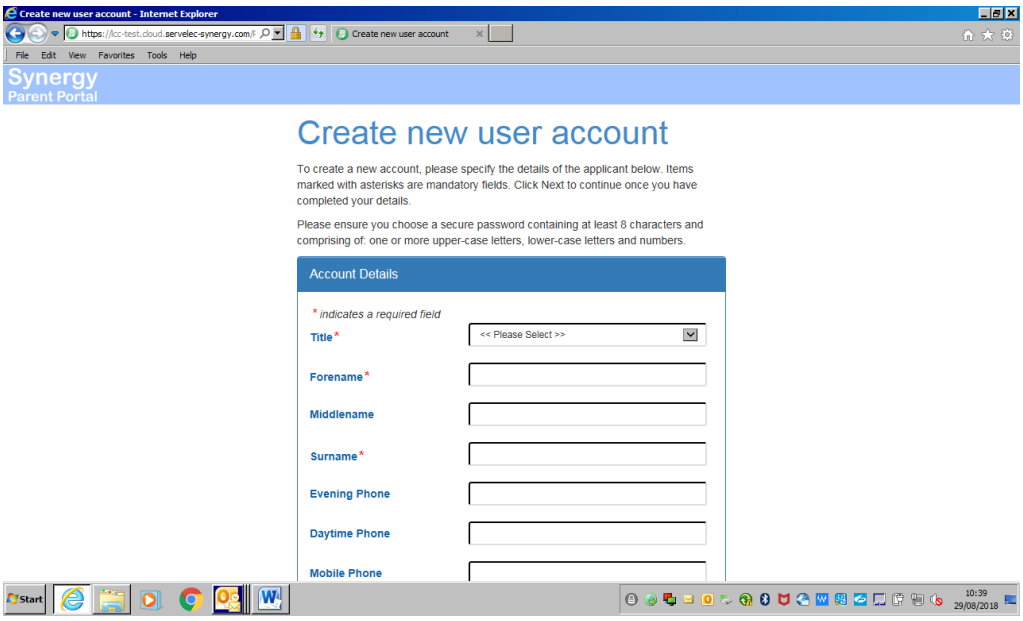

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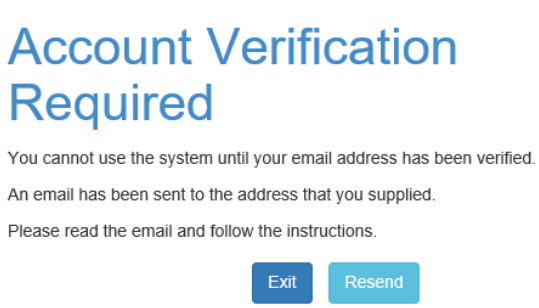

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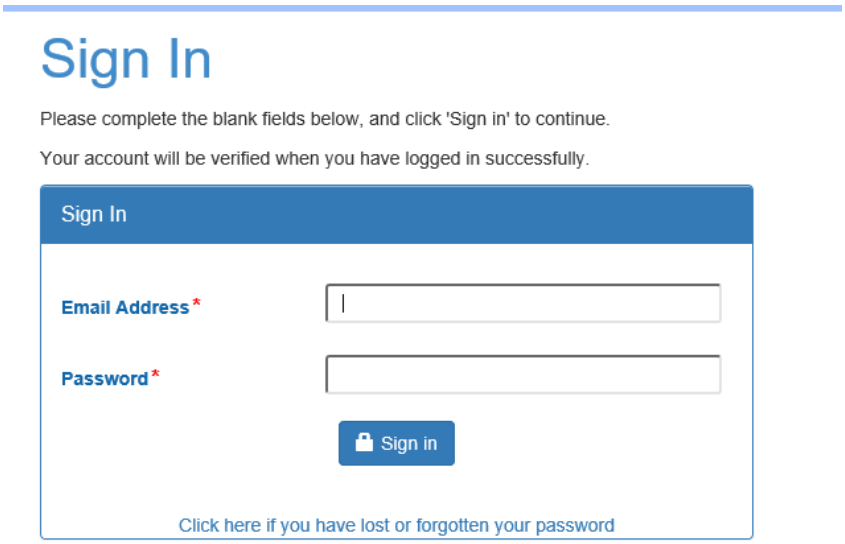

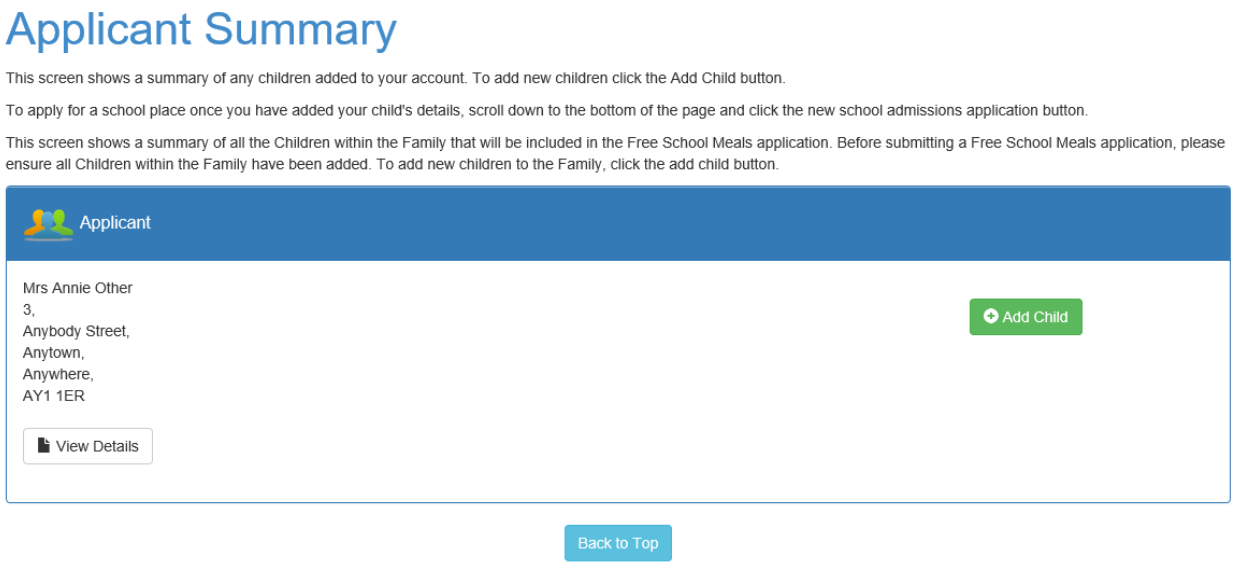

Step 5 An email will be sent to the parent/carer advising if 'eligible' or 'not eligible' for free school meals.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION – If you receive a 'not eligible' letter, please check the surname which is attached to your National Insurance Number, date of birth and the National Insurance Number for the parent/carer has been entered correctly on the online Parent Portal. If you would like further assistance please contact us :

Email enquiries – free_school_meals@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Telephone enquiries – Customer Services Centre Tel : (01522) 782030