



Are you getting what you are entitled to?????

Renfrewshire Council offers a number of benefits to parents/carers who are on low incomes.

Education Maintenance Allowance

This is a weekly payment of £30, paid directly to young people who continue in full-time education after they reach the statutory leaving age of 16 and who meet the criteria. To apply for this you can complete the form on line or download a form at <http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/ema> or simply pick up a form from the school office. You must apply for an EMA on an annual basis. EMA's do **NOT** affect any Tax Credit. There are 2 income thresholds for EMA;

£0 to £26,884 for families with more than 1 dependant child in the home, or

£0 to £24,421 for families with a single dependant child in the home.

Free School Meals

Your child may be entitled to free school meals if:

- your child attends a Renfrewshire school or has been placed in an educational establishment outside Renfrewshire by Renfrewshire Council, or
- you receive income support, any income-related element of employment and support allowance, maximum working tax credits (if you earn less than £7,500/year), child tax credit only (if you earn less than £17,005) or pension credit

Apply on line at : <http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/3338/Free-school-meals-and-clothing-grants>

Clothing Grants

Parents or Carers of children attending Renfrewshire primary, secondary or special schools during the school session who satisfy the financial conditions are eligible to apply for free school meals and/or clothing grants.

Clothing grant is a payment made by Renfrewshire Council to qualifying parents or carers to assist with the purchase of school uniforms.

For session 2022-2023, the level of clothing grant is £150 per eligible secondary pupil. A maximum of one grant will be paid for each child during any school year.

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