



## 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 £6,900/year), child tax credit only (if you earn less than £16,105) 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 2019-2020, the level of clothing grant is £100 per eligible pupil. A maximum of one grant will be paid for each child during any school year.

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