

## Financial Guideline 2016/2017 - 05

### **Schools Meals Scheme Grant from the Department of Social Protection**

Following correspondence from the Department of Social Protection, please see below requirements for bank accounts for schools in receipt of this grant:

All new applicants to the School Meals Scheme from September 2015 are **required to set up a bank account** specifically for school meals.

Existing schools who do not operate a separate bank account for school meals funding, and where payments received are in excess of €10,000 per annum, are required to have one in place from the start of the 2016/2017 school year.

Commencing from the start of the 2017/2018 school year, **the Department of Social Protection will also seek bank statements** as part of the annual application process in addition to the income and expenditure account.

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