

# FREE SCHOOL MEALS

## THE QUALIFYING BENEFITS FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS:

- Income-Based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-Related Employment Support Allowance
- (*Contribution-Based JSA and ESA only qualifies if receiving equal amount or lower of Income-Related JSA/ESA*)
- Income Support
- Child Tax Credit (*but no entitlement to Working Tax Credit for claimant or partner*) and an annual income not in excess of £16,190
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit

- **\*\*4-WEEK TEMPORARY QUALIFYING BENEFIT:**

- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' – the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit. Once the 4-week temporary entitlement period expires the claimant must be awarded one of the other benefits listed above in order to continue claiming free school meals.

- **HOW TO APPLY:**

On-line: [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

By telephone: 01926 359189 (Customer Service Centre)

**NB** Eligible children must be attending a maintained school or nursery both before and after the lunch break to receive a free school meal

**\*\***If you believe you qualify for temporary entitlement because you are receiving a four week run-on of Working Tax Credit you need to complete a hardcopy application form (available from the Customer Service Centre or as a download from the webpage) and send it to us. **Please tell us on the form or in a letter that this is why you are applying and give the date your employment ended**

