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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Did you know free school meals eligibility has expanded?

From September 2026, all families receiving Universal Credit are eligible for free school meals.

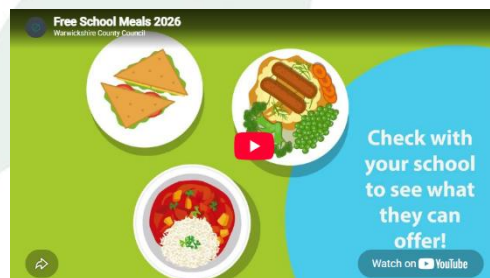
For the new school year starting in September 2026, there will be two categories of free school meal eligibility depending on your financial circumstances:

- **Targeted free school meals** for those getting Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less, or another qualifying benefit
- **Expanded free school meals** for anyone getting Universal credit whose annual earnings are above £7,400.

Households in both categories will benefit from the financial savings of getting free school meals. Households who fall into the targeted category will get access to additional benefits including the [holiday activities and food \(HAF\) programme](#) and [pupil premium](#).

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they are automatically entitled to universal infant free school meals, so you don't need to apply for these. However, if you also meet the benefits-related free school meals criteria, it's still important to apply as your family may be able to access additional benefits and support.

Some children in early years settings may also be able to access benefits-related free school meals if they attend for at least one lunch period a week. To find out which settings can offer benefits-related free school meals, please check the [free school meal eligibility webpage](#). Applications for these children need to be made via freephone 0800 408 1558 or email freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk.



Kind regards,

Mr Tom Bradley, Principal – Tudor Grange Primary Academy, Meon Vale