



FROM SEPTEMBER 2026

All children from households receiving Universal Credit may be entitled to Free School Meals (FSM)



TWO TYPES OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS

TARGETED FSM



Universal Credit + Household Earnings £7,400 or Less



Free school meal every school day



Access to the HAF Programme during school holidays



School receives Pupil Premium funding for additional educational support

EXPANDED FSM



Universal Credit households above the £7,400 earnings threshold



Free school meal every school day



Access to the HAF Programme during school holidays



No Pupil Premium funding



TRANSITIONAL PROTECTION IS ENDING

From 31 July 2026, previous FSM protection arrangements will end



Eligibility will be checked annually



Some families may become eligible for the first time



Some families currently receiving FSM may no longer qualify



ACTION REQUIRED

All families must check their eligibility from:



to receive Free School Meals from SEPTEMBER 2026

Apply or re-check eligibility as soon as possible

RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2



The Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme is NOT changing



Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to receive free school meals as usual and low-income families can still apply for additional support through Key Stage 1 Pupil Premium

APPLY NOW



Applications and re-checks of eligibility can be made now via Warwickshire County Council website

<https://fsm.lgfl.net/app/school/20682>

We recommend applying as soon as possible. This will give more time for applications to be processed and ensure those eligible receive free school meals from the start of September.

