

# Could your child be entitled to **FREE SCHOOL MEALS?**

Is your child registered for free school meals but not taking them? You could be missing out on what you're entitled to. You could save over £10 per week or over £300 per year!

## **What you need to know?**

- Available in England and Wales Only

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following;

- Income support
- Income based job seekers allowance
- Income related Employment and Support allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

Children who get any of the above benefits in their own right (i.e They get benefit payments directly, instead of through a parent or guardian) can also get free school meals.

The responsibility for checking the eligibility rests with the school. Parents have to prove their eligibility every term by producing the correct documentary evidence to the school.

