

# **Braywood CE First School**

## **Apply For Free School Meals.**



**Is your child eligible for free school meals? If so, make sure you apply!**

### **How to apply**

If you want to register for free school meals for your child, we can help you to apply in confidence – just ask at the office.

Alternatively, you can apply online in complete confidentiality via <http://www.direct.gov.uk>

### **Registering for free school meals - extra benefits**

Registering for free school meals doesn't mean your child will have to eat the school lunch - there are other benefits. Some schools and local authorities offer extra support to children who are registered - for instance, help with the cost of school trips or music lessons.

Schools also receive a payment, Pupil Premium, for each child who is registered for free school meals. This money (£1300 per child this year) helps us to provide extra support like 1 to 1 tuition, learning assistants or extra-curricular activities.

In England, children are eligible to receive free school meals (FSM) if their parents are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income of £16,190 or less
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

You may need to provide a letter to prove that you're receiving one of these benefits - your local Job Centre Plus should be able to help with this.

**Don't delay – apply today!!**