

17th June 2026

Update on Free School Meals from September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to let you know about important changes to Free School Meals (FSM) starting in September 2026. From this date, all children in households receiving Universal Credit will be eligible for free school meals. This means more families than before may qualify.

However, current protections will end in July 2026.

This means that eligibility will be based on your *current* circumstances, and some children may no longer qualify unless the criteria are still met.

What this means for you:

- If you receive Universal Credit, your child will be eligible for free school meals
- Eligibility will be re-checked each year
- Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will still receive free meals as usual but confirming eligibility for free school meals could secure additional pupil premium grant income for the school so please still complete the information requested below

We encourage all families receiving Universal Credit to apply or reapply so we can confirm eligibility before September 2026.

Please complete the form using the link provided: [FSM data collection - June 2026 – Fill out form](#)

If you are unsure or need help, please contact the school office — we are happy to support you and all enquiries are confidential.

You can also find out more online here: [DfE FSM guidance September 2026](#)

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,



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Headteacher

