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Dear Parent/Carer,

Changes to Free School Meals from September 2026

The Government has announced changes to **Free School Meal (FSM)** eligibility from **September 2026**.

From the start of the new school year, **children whose parent or carer receives Universal Credit may be entitled to Free School Meals**, regardless of household income.

If your child does not currently receive Free School Meals

If you receive **Universal Credit**, your child may now be eligible for Free School Meals. Please apply using the following link:

<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

All applications and eligibility checks are confidential.

If your child already receives Free School Meals

You **do not need to reapply**. The school will carry out the required eligibility checks and will contact you only if we need any further information.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office. We will be happy to help.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Bell

Senior Finance & Admin Officer

