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Dear Parent/Carer,

Important changes to free school meals and school funding

We are writing to let you know about some important national changes to free school meals (FSM) and how schools receive funding to support children.

If your child currently receives free school meals, nothing will change this school year. Your child will continue to receive free meals until the end of the academic year 2025 – 2026.

What is changing from September 2026?

From September 2026, there will be two main changes:

1. More families will be able to get free school meals

From September 2026, all families who receive Universal Credit will be able to apply for free school meals. This means many more children may become eligible.

2. Eligibility for FSM will be checked more often

This means: -

- Some children may no longer qualify for FSM
- Some children may qualify for the first time

What about school funding (Pupil Premium)?

Schools receive extra funding called Pupil Premium to help support children who may need extra help. This funding is linked to free school meal eligibility, but not all free school meals children will receive this funding in the future.

From September 2026: -

- Only some children who qualify (based on lower income) will receive this extra funding
- This is why it is still very important to apply and keep your details up to date

What you need to do to make sure your child gets the support they are entitled to, please:

- Apply for free school meals if you think you may be eligible
- Tell us if your circumstances change
- Check any messages from the school about your eligibility





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- Even if your child already gets free school meals, you must confirm your details with the Local Authority.

You can apply for Free School Meals here:

Free School Meals | Leicestershire County Council: [Free School Meals | Leicestershire County Council](#)

Why this matters:

- Free school meals
- Help families save money
- Make sure children have a healthy meal at school each day

Registering also helps the school receive funding to:

- Provide extra support
- Improve learning for all pupils

Need help?

If you are not sure whether you qualify, or need help applying, please contact the school office.

We are happy to help. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Rikki Khakhar
Vice Principal

