

June 2026

Action needed: confirming your child's Free School Meals for 2026-27

Dear families,

We are contacting you because changes to Free School Meals (FSM) from September 2026 mean that we need to re-check eligibility for all pupils currently receiving a free school meal.

Why we need to hear from you

Until now, some pupils have kept Free School Meals automatically under 'transitional protection', even after their family's circumstances changed. These protections end in summer 2026. From September, your child must meet the current eligibility rules, confirmed by an up-to-date check, to keep receiving a free school meal.

The good news is that the rules are now more generous: if your household receives Universal Credit, your child will still qualify — the previous £7,400 earnings limit no longer applies.

How to check or apply:

Please confirm eligibility by **Friday 17 July** using one of the options below.

Apply or check online yourself:

Visit <https://fsm.lgfl.net/app> to complete a secure check and receive an instant result. Please select the correct local authority and academy so we can verify eligibility on the portal. Your information is checked securely and used only to confirm eligibility.

Ask your school to check for you:

Please provide the following details for the parent/carer receiving the qualifying benefit:

- Full name
- Date of birth
- National Insurance Number (or NASS reference)

You can do this by contacting the school office via telephone.

Important: If we do not receive the information we need and cannot verify eligibility by the deadline, your child's Free School Meals may stop until eligibility is confirmed. You can reapply at any time if your circumstances change.

Our benefits advisor is also available every Thursday via an appointment, to support with free school meals and benefit checks.

Yours faithfully,



Kat Lang
Principal