

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.

What you need to do:

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

Check or apply 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 your 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.

Yours faithfully



Fran Hitch