



Free School Meals (FSM)

7th July 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

From September 2026, the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals (FSM) will be changing. From the start of the new school year, all parents/carers who are in receipt of Universal Credit will be eligible for Free School Meals, regardless of the amount received.

Applying takes around 5 minutes, and you will need your National Insurance number. Applications can be made using the following link:

[Free school meals and other benefits Hertfordshire County Council](#). **There is no requirement for pupils who are already receiving Free School Meals to re-apply unless your child is in year 2.**

Applications for the new school year can be made now.

We encourage you to apply even if you have previously been told you were not eligible. Not only will your child receive a hot, nutritious meal at lunchtime, but the school will also receive additional funding to support pupils.

If you require any further information or support with your application, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Louise Thomas

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Headteacher