

Dear Parent/Carer

Reminder: we still need to confirm your child's Free School Meals

We wrote to you recently about checking whether your child is eligible for Free School Meals for the 2026/27 academic year. As we have not yet received a response, we wanted to send a friendly reminder to make sure this has not been overlooked.

If you have already completed an online check, spoken to the school office, or provided your details since our last letter, thank you. Please ignore this reminder.

Why we need to hear from you

In recent years, some children have continued to receive Free School Meals under arrangements known as "transitional protection", even if their family's circumstances changed. These arrangements come to an end in summer 2026.

From September 2026, eligibility will need to be confirmed through an up-to-date check so that children can continue to receive Free School Meals.

The good news is that the eligibility rules are now more generous. If your household receives **Universal Credit**, your child will qualify for Free School Meals, regardless of your earnings. The previous £7,400 earnings limit no longer applies.

What you need to do

Please confirm your child's eligibility by **11 September 2026** using one of the options below.

Check or apply online

- You can complete a secure online check and receive an instant result by visiting: <https://fsm.lgfl.net/app>
- Please make sure you select the correct local authority and academy so that we can verify the result.
- Any information you provide is checked securely and used only to confirm eligibility.

Ask your school to check for you

If you would prefer the school to complete the check on your behalf, please provide the following details for the parent or carer who receives the qualifying benefit:

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

You can provide these details by contacting the school office by telephone.

If you need any help

If you are unsure what information is needed, do not have the details available, or would simply like to talk it through, please contact the school office on 0151 332 6790. We will be happy to help.

What happens next?

If we are unable to confirm eligibility by the deadline, we will contact you again before any changes are made to your child's Free School Meals.

You can also apply or ask us to check your eligibility at any time if your circumstances change.

Yours faithfully

Nick Hughes

Principal

