



September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

From September 2026, eligibility for **Free School Meals (FSM)** has changed. All families receiving **Universal Credit or other qualifying benefits** can now apply for Free School Meals, regardless of their income.

If you think you may be eligible, we strongly encourage you to apply. Applications can be made using the link below or by visiting the school office, where we will be happy to help you complete the application.

Please apply even if your child:

- Is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and already receives Universal Infant Free School Meals;
- Prefers to bring a packed lunch;
- Does not currently take a school meal every day.

Registering for Free School Meals can provide access to additional support and opportunities, which may include:

- Holiday food vouchers during school holidays (where local schemes are available);
- Free or reduced-cost holiday club places across Greater Manchester;
- Access to other support that may become available to eligible families.

In addition, every child registered for Free School Meals may generate additional funding for the school through the **Pupil Premium Grant**. This funding helps us provide extra educational support, resources, interventions and enrichment opportunities for pupils.

If you receive Universal Credit or another qualifying benefit and are not currently registered, please take a few minutes to apply. Registering could benefit your child, your family and the wider school community.

If you have any questions or would like assistance with your application, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Many thanks

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