

UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS



The Government has expanded the eligibility criteria for
Free School Meals (FSM).



From the start of the 2026/27 academic year,
all children from households receiving Universal Credit
will be entitled to a free school meal.

≡ THERE ARE NOW TWO CATEGORIES OF
UNIVERSAL CREDIT FREE SCHOOL MEALS: ≡

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TARGETED FREE SCHOOL MEALS



For pupils whose household
receives Universal Credit and
has an annual household
income of
£7,400 or less.

2

EXPANDED FREE SCHOOL MEALS

NEW CATEGORY

For pupils whose household
receives Universal Credit and
has an annual household
income above
£7,400.



APPLY NOW

If you think your child may be eligible
for Free School Meals from the start of
the new academic year, please apply
using the [Cheshire West and Chester
Council](#) website.

Free School Meals |
Cheshire West and Chester Council

Applications have been open
since 1 June 2026.



PLEASE LET US KNOW

If your application is successful, please inform the school office,
as **the local authority does not automatically notify us.**



If you need any help completing the application or
checking your eligibility, please contact **Mrs Maloney**,
who will be happy to support you.



*We're here
to help!* ♥