

Dear Parent/Carer,

Changes to Free School Meals from 1 September

We are writing to let you know about important changes to Free School Meals (FSM) that will come into effect from 1 September 2026.

The Government has updated the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals to help ensure that more children and families can access support. As a result, some families who were not previously eligible may now qualify.

Why this matters

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, this means:

- Your child can receive a free, healthy meal at school each day
- You may save money on school meal costs
- The school may receive additional funding, known as Pupil Premium

How schools benefit

When families register for Free School Meals, schools receive extra Government funding through the Pupil Premium Grant. This funding helps schools provide additional support for pupils, including:

- Extra teaching and learning support
- Intervention programmes
- Pastoral and wellbeing support
- Educational resources and equipment
- Enrichment activities and wider opportunities

Even if your child already receives universal infant free school meals, registering for FSM eligibility can still provide additional funding to support the school.

What you need to do

We encourage all check whether they may now be eligible by completing the form using the link below:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/tvBF2fHc3x>

Need help?

If you would like support completing an application or would like more information, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Red Kite Learning Trust

