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Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to share important information about Free School Meals and recent government changes that may affect your child's eligibility.

From September 2026, the government is changing the criteria for Free School Meals. All families receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to Free School Meals, regardless of household income.

When a child gets Free School Meals, the school may also receive extra money to help with learning and other school activities.

To make sure that your child's entitlement is in place ready for the change in September, we are asking parents to sign up by completing the form attached to this letter. Please return no later than Friday 3rd July 2026.

Children from Reception to Year 2 already receive free meals – these are referred to as Universal Free School Meals, however, by applying for free school meals, you may also be able to access school holiday vouchers, free travel and help towards school uniform.

Children from Year 3 to Year 6 who qualify for Free School Meals under the new rules may also be able to access school holiday vouchers, free travel and help towards school uniform.

Yours sincerely

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