

Free School Meals for Nursery Children – Important Information

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to let you know about an important change to **Free School Meals (FSM)** that comes into effect from **September 2026**.

The Government has expanded the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals. From September, **all children whose household receives Universal Credit may be eligible for a free school meal**, including children attending school-based nursery provision.

Who is eligible?

Your child may be eligible if:

- They attend our nursery for a **full day** (before and after lunchtime).
- Your household receives **Universal Credit**.

This is a change from the previous eligibility criteria and means that more families may now qualify for support.

What do you need to do?

If you believe your child may be eligible, **please contact the school office as**.

Early contact will help us identify eligible children and ensure the correct arrangements are in place.

If you are unsure whether you qualify, we encourage you to get in touch with the school office—we are happy to help, and all enquiries will be treated confidentially.