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Free School Meal and Pupil Premium eligibility changes

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Healthy school food can help pupils establish healthy habits for life and help to improve pupils' readiness to learn.

You may be entitled to receive free school meals if you are in receipt of certain benefits or support, such as:

- Universal Credit
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- families with no recourse to public funds (although you must meet certain further criteria)

You could also raise additional pupil premium funding for your child's school to fund support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities. The information collected in this form will allow us to make this assessment.

From September 2026, the government is making changes so that there will be two distinct Free School Meals (FSM) categories:

- **Targeted FSM**, which continues to be based on the existing threshold, covering pupils who are in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less.
- **Expanded FSM**, a new category covering pupils who do not qualify for targeted FSM, but who are in households receiving Universal Credit.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will **all** still automatically receive Free School Meals as part of the 'Universal Infant Free School Meals' policy, however if you think your child may qualify for Targeted or Expanded Free School Meals, please do still fill in the form as this could potentially support school funding.

You only need to complete this form once. Subsequent rechecks of your eligibility will be carried out annually to assess whether you continue to be eligible for free school meals. Should you move your child to a new school, your child's new school may proactively assess whether you continue to be eligible for free school meals. You should contact the school or local authority if you have a change in financial circumstances. If your child currently qualifies for Pupil Premium Funding, we will automatically re-check continued eligibility for Free School Meals.

We are committed to ensuring that the personal and sensitive information that we hold about you is protected and kept safe and secure, and we have measures in place to prevent the loss, misuse or alteration of your personal information. We will use the information you provide to assess entitlement to free school meals. The information may also be shared with other Council departments to offer benefits and services.

What to do: To see if your children can get free school meals (FSM), please fill in all sections of this form and return it to school. If there is any information you cannot find, or you are having problems understanding, contact us for help.

Important - If you have multiple children attending different schools, you will need to complete a separate form for each school. Please download and print separate copies to complete or contact each school.

Your details

Enter the details of the parent or guardian who is applying for free school meals.

First name

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Last name

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Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

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National insurance number (if you have one)

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Asylum support reference number (previously NASS reference number)

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Contact phone number (this can be a mobile number)

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Contact email (We'll use your email to address to confirm your application or for more information)

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Children and school details

Include all children that will be attending this school. Print extra sheets if you need them.

Child 1								
First name								
Last name								
Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)								
Include details of child's previous school (optional)								
School name								
School postcode								

Child 2								
First name								
Last name								
Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)								
Include details of child's previous school (optional)								
School name								
School postcode								

Declaration

By signing below, I confirm that:

- I allow the use of the data in this form for the purpose of checking whether my children are entitled to free school meals.
- I allow the sharing of the above data with the schools my children attend and its local authority, for the purpose of providing free school meals if entitlement is confirmed. (This includes re-applying for free school meals in future.)

Signature

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Date (DD/MM/YYYY)

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Important - Once completed, please give this form back to your children's school.

Additional children - Print extra sheets if you need them.

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