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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to share some important information regarding Free School Meals (FSM) and recent changes to how funding is allocated to schools.

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, not only are they able to receive a free, nutritious meal each day, but the school also receives additional funding known as *Pupil Premium*. This funding is vital in supporting your child's education, enabling us to provide additional resources, targeted support, and enrichment opportunities.

From **1st September 2026** all families must meet the **new criteria so a new application** will need to be made. Families will only need to do this once.

It is important to note if your child is in reception year/ KS1 and/ or even if your child prefers to bring a home packed lunch, we strongly encourage you to **apply for Free School Meals if you think you may be eligible**.

This extra funding makes a significant difference, helping us to:

- Provide additional academic support
- Enhance learning resources
- Offer wider opportunities and experiences for all pupils

If you think you may qualify, we encourage you to complete an application. Use this link to access the application [Free School Meals Checker - Check Eligibility Online | LGfL FSM](#) . The process is quick, confidential, non-judgemental and could make a real difference to both your child and the school community.

If you need any support with the application process, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards

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