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Dear Parents and Carers,

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

Who can get Free School Meals?

From the start of the 2026–2027 academic year, all children whose families receive Universal Credit will be entitled to a free school meal, regardless of household income.

This new approach will be divided into two categories: **Targeted Free School Meals** and **Expanded Free School Meals**, meaning many more families will now qualify for support.

1. Targeted Free School Meals (Targeted FSM)

This will continue largely as it operates currently:

- Eligibility remains based on the existing income threshold
- Pupils will continue to attract **Pupil Premium funding**
- Families will still be able to access:
 - Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) provision
 - Food vouchers (where applicable)

2. Expanded Free School Meals (Expanded FSM)

This is a new category:

- Applies to pupils who:
 - Do not meet the income threshold for Targeted FSM
 - Live in households receiving Universal Credit

This entitlement covers **school meals only**. Please note:

- Pupils will **not** attract Pupil Premium funding
- There is **no eligibility** for:
 - Food vouchers
 - HAF provision

What you need to do

If you think your child may be eligible, you must apply, **or school can do this for you if you provide your national insurance number and date of birth**, so that we can confirm eligibility.

The website address is: <https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/entrust>

Applying is important because:

- Your child will receive free meals
- The school may receive additional funding to support your child's education (where applicable)

We strongly encourage **all families receiving Universal Credit or other qualifying benefits** to apply as soon as possible. If you need support with your application, please contact the school office.

Annual checks

From September 2026, eligibility will be checked **every year**. Families must continue to meet the criteria to keep receiving free school meals.

Infant Free Meals (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to receive free meals automatically.

However, if you receive qualifying benefits, it is still important to apply, as this may unlock additional funding to support your child's needs in school.

When to apply

Applications can be made from **June 2026**. If approved, your child will receive free meals from the start of the **September term**.

If you have any questions or need any help, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Felloni in the junior school office on 0121 464 2126 or email t.felloni@st-petersce.bham.sch.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,



Mrs Leonard
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