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Dear Parent/Carer,

Changes to Free School Meal Eligibility 2026-27 Onwards

We want to make families aware of some upcoming changes to Free School Meals (FSM), which may affect pupils from **1st September 2026.**

What is changing?

On 8 May 2026, the Department for Education announced changes to how Free School Meals eligibility will work in the future, linked to **Universal Credit**.

These changes will affect:

- Families who currently receive FSM
- Families who may be eligible but are not currently claiming FSM

Important change to current protection

Since April 2018, once a child became eligible for FSM, they have continued to receive them even if their family's circumstances changed. This protection will end at the end of the 2025-2026 school year on 31 August 2026.

Who may be eligible?

Targeted Free School Meals (with additional funding for schools)

Families may be eligible if they receive:

- Universal credit with a household income of £7,400 a year or less
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Support as a family with **no recourse to public funds (NRPF)**

Expanded Free School Meals (meals only)

Families may also be eligible if they receive Universal Credit with a household income **above £7,400.**

How to Apply

Families who are not currently receiving free school meals but think they may be eligible should Apply online here (https://www.hull.gov.uk/schools-2/free-school-meals) or complete the attached form.

Please note that you do not need to apply if you are already receiving income-based free school meals.

Should you need any further support, please don't hesitate to contact the school office for further information on how to apply.

Yours sincerely

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