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Dear Parent/Carer

Re : Changes to Free School Meal Eligibility from September 2026

We are writing to inform you of an important change to the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals (FSM) that will come into effect from September 2026.

The Government has announced that all children in households receiving **Universal Credit** will be eligible for Free School Meals, regardless of household earnings. This means that the current earnings threshold used to determine eligibility will no longer apply.

What does this mean for families?

If you receive Universal Credit and your child is not currently registered for Free School Meals, they may now be eligible from September 2026.

Registering for Free School Meals can provide:

- Access to additional support and opportunities that may be available through the school.
- Valuable funding for the school to support teaching, learning and pupil wellbeing.

What do I need to do?

If you currently receive Universal Credit, we encourage you to apply for Free School Meals if you have not already done so. Further information about how to apply will be shared nearer the implementation date, or you can contact the school office for guidance.

Families already receiving Free School Meals

If your child currently receives Free School Meals, there is no need to take immediate action. The school and local authority will continue to follow national guidance and will contact you if any further information is required.

Please find attached information received from the London Borough of Hounslow Children and Adult Services in relation to this.

We are committed to ensuring that all families receive the support to which they are entitled. If you have any questions about Free School Meals or require assistance with an application, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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