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10th June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to let you know about important changes to Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility that will take effect from September 2026.

The Government has announced new arrangements for Free School Meals. From September 2026, there will be three categories of free school meal provision:

1. Targeted Free School Meals – for pupils in households receiving Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less.
2. Expanded Free School Meals – for pupils in households receiving Universal Credit who do not meet the £7,400 earnings threshold.
3. Universal Infant Free School Meals – continuing for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

What this means for families:

From September 2026, the current transitional protection arrangements will end. This means that some children who previously remained eligible for Free School Meals after a change in family circumstances may no longer qualify if they do not meet the new eligibility criteria.

We strongly encourage all parents and carers who receive Universal Credit to apply for Free School Meals, even if they are unsure whether they qualify. Registering can provide access to:

- Free school meals where eligible
- Additional support for your child's education through school funding
- Help with other benefits and support that may be available through the school or local authority

To check eligibility and submit an application, please click [here](#).

Eligibility will be reviewed regularly, and we recommend informing the relevant authorities of any changes to your circumstances.

If you have any questions or need support with an application, please do not hesitate to contact us at RSFinance@rs.rklt.co.uk.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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