



June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Changes to Free School Meals eligibility

From September 2026, the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals (FSM) will be changing. From the start of the new school year, all parents/carers who are in receipt of Universal Credit will be eligible for Free School Meals, regardless of the amount received. Applying takes around 5 minutes, and you will need your National Insurance number. Applications can be made from 1st June using the following link: [Free school meals and other benefits](#)

Parents of students who are already receiving Free School Meals do **not** need to re-apply.

We encourage you to apply even if you have previously been told you were not eligible. Not only will your child receive a nutritious meal at lunchtime, but the school may also receive additional funding to support students.

If you require any further information or support with your application, please contact Rachel Woods, Pupil Premium Administrator: rwoods@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

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