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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform about some changes that will come in to affect for the new academic year in relation to Free School meal eligibility.

Since the roll out of universal credit, Transitional Protections for free school meals have been and will remain in place until the end of the current academic year.

From the start of the 2026 to 2027 academic year, the government are expanding FSM eligibility to all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit regardless of household earnings.

What does this mean for me?		
If you are in receipt Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less.	You may be entitled to Targeted Free School Meals.	This means: • your child will be entitled to a free school meal during the school term • you can apply for a free school blazer for your child in Year 7 and Year 9 as long as you remain eligible • the school will receive additional funding to help support your child
If you are in receipt of support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum act 1999		
If you are in receipt of Income-related Employment and Support Allowance or the guarantee element of Pension Credit, or a household with families with no recourse to public funds (NRPF)		
If you are in receipt Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or more.	You may be entitled to Expanded Free School Meals.	This means: • your child will be entitled to a free school meal during the school term



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What do I need to do next?

Complete the school checking form here **as soon as possible**: *(copy and paste the link below or CTRL and click to follow the link)*

<https://forms.gle/jVGrVZ4uY38mzhon9>

The school will complete all relevant checks and will resubmit your check annually to ensure that your eligibility remains up to date. If you would prefer, you can run the check yourself at the Southampton City Council website.

If you have any questions regarding the new eligibility checks, please contact Sarah Healey who will be able to assist you.

Yours sincerely,



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