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Dear families,

Free School Meal Eligibility from September 2025

Currently, all children in Reception, Year One and Year Two are entitled to a free lunch at school under the government's Universal Free School Meals program.

As children in Year Two move into Year Three, their meals will cease to be free and will be charged to parents. The price of a school meal will be £2.65, though this is subject to change. Parents of children eligible for means-tested Free School Meals under Pupil Premium will continue to receive their child's meal for free along with other benefits such as free holiday clubs during school breaks.

You can be eligible for Free School Meals under *both* Universal and Pupil Premium. To make an application for Free School Meals under Pupil Premium, click here. If you have applied in the past and were eligible, there's no need to reapply. Applications take no more than 5 minutes and only require basic information including your National Insurance Number.

If you would like your child to continue having meals at school, please ensure credit is added to their ParentPay account in advance to cover their meals. You can do this daily, weekly, or monthly. You can set up a repeat direct debit for the same amount each month or add as little or as much credit as you like to your account as you go. If your child is absent from school, their meal for that day will not be charged.

To pre-empt dinner numbers for September, please complete this form as soon as you are able.

For support with Pupil Premium applications and ParentPay, please contact Mrs Gardner.

Faithfully,

Mr M McLoughlin
Principal