

# CHANGES to FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Important information for Parents & Carers

Free School Meals (FSM) are changing from 1 September 2026

## What are the changes?

- Current FSM protections will end in July 2026 & will now be re-checked annually
- FSM eligibility will need to be checked again by Notts CC. You will need to contact them in order to keep receiving FSM.
- If eligible, your child will receive FSM for the **full 2026–27 school year** (even if your circumstances change).

FSM will now be divided into two types:

1. Targeted Free School Meals (*with additional Pupil Premium funding for schools*)
2. Expanded Free School Meals (meals only)

## Who can get Free School Meals?

Your child may be eligible for FSM if you receive:

- Universal Credit with a household income of £7,400 a year or less
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Pension Credit (guaranteed element)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Support as a family with no recourse to public funds (NRPF)

They may also be eligible if:

- You receive Universal Credit with a household income **above £7,400** – *so do check!*

## What are the benefits to your child & your child's school?

A healthy school meal can help your child feel ready to learn, build positive habits and enjoy a nutritious lunch every day!

**You could save around £400 per child each year** by not having to pay for lunches.

Applying could also bring extra Pupil Premium funding into school, helping us provide support such as additional teaching, extra tuition and wider activities.

## To apply or find out more information:

Apply online: [Online FSM Application \( https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/enrtrust \)](https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/enrtrust)

If you need help, don't hesitate to get in touch with the school office

