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Dear Parent/Carers,

Could your child receive free school meals from September 2026?

We are writing to let you know about an important national change to free school meals. From September 2026, more children will be able to receive a free meal at school. This is because free school meal eligibility is expanding to include children from households receiving Universal Credit.

Many more families may now be eligible, so we are asking parents and carers to register if they think this could apply to them.

Please apply if:

- Your household receives Universal Credit
- Your household receives another qualifying benefit (income support, child tax credit, working tax credit)
- Your child used to receive free school meals, but you are not sure whether they will still be eligible from September 2026
- Your circumstances have changed and you think your child may now be eligible
- Your young person is in sixth form and you think they may be eligible

You do not need to work out whether your child qualifies. You only need to complete the online application form. The eligibility check will do the rest. If your child is eligible, they can still bring a packed lunch if they prefer. Registering simply means they can have a free school meal when they want one.

How to apply

To apply please go to <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham>

Alternatively you can request an application form via enquiry@ilsley.bham.sch.uk or a paper copy from reception and return to school where we can apply on your behalf.

Kind regards

Mrs A Pearson
School Administrator