



MURRAY PARK SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to inform you of important changes to Free School Meals (FSM) that will take effect from **September 2026**.

The Government has updated the eligibility criteria, and as a result, more families may now qualify. Schools are able to begin checking eligibility and processing applications from **June 2026**, so we encourage parents and carers to apply as soon as possible.

What is changing?

From September 2026:

- All pupils in households receiving **Universal Credit** will be entitled to Free School Meals.
- There will be two categories of eligibility:
 - **Targeted FSM** – for households receiving Universal Credit **and** with annual earnings of £7,400 or less. This also enables the school to receive **additional funding (pupil premium)** to support your child's education.
 - **Expanded FSM** – for households on Universal Credit **and** with annual earnings of *over* £7,400. This provides **free school meals only** and does **not** attract pupil premium or any additional/disadvantaged funding.

Important information

- If your child is currently in Year 6 or new to Murray Park School you will need to submit a new application, as previous FSM status will not transfer to us.
- **If your child is already at Murray Park School and you have made a previous application, you do not need to reapply as we will be notified automatically of your eligibility.**
- The meal tariff will increase to £2.95 per pupil per day from September 2026.
- **Eligibility will be reviewed annually**, so it is important to keep your details up to date.
- Even if you have not previously qualified, you may now be eligible under the revised criteria.

What you need to do

You do not need to wait until September — **applications can be made now**, although your child won't receive the FSM allowance until September 2026.



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We strongly encourage all parents and carers who receive Universal Credit, or who believe they may qualify, to submit an application.

How to apply

For instant notification please apply for Free School Meals using this link:

<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/entrust>

Alternatively, if you do not have access to a computer or need additional support with this, please contact the school office, where staff will be able to assist you.

Why this matters

Free School Meals ensure that children receive a healthy meal during the school day. In some cases, eligibility also allows schools to access additional funding to further support pupils.

If you are unsure whether you qualify, we recommend applying, as there is no disadvantage in doing so.

If you have any questions or require assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Nicola Caley
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