



July 2026

Dear Parent / Carer

Free School Meals from September 2026 – Important Information

From September 2026, Free School Meals are being expanded to all families on Universal Credit. If you would like to apply for Free School Meals for September, **please apply in the summer holidays at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals.**

If you have any queries or require any help, please email FSM@n-somerset.gov.uk

Please note, many families already in receipt of free school meals will need to reapply over the summer – see details below.

Who needs to apply for Free School Meals (FSMs) for September 2026 and when to apply:

- New starters to the school
- Children not yet on FSMs who meet the new expanded criteria
- **Anyone who was awarded FSMs over 2 years ago will need to reapply via their North Somerset Citizen's Account.** Those who applied over two years ago would have applied via North Somerset Council's old system and will now need to reapply via their North Somerset Citizen's account, as the Local Authority will no longer hold personal details to be able to contact you or reassess your eligibility. If you don't have an account, you can register for one. **If you don't reapply, your entitlement will end this academic year as the transitional protection will finish for all children this summer.**
- **Anyone who has been awarded FSMs through the North Somerset Citizen's account in the past 2 years will not need to reapply** and you will see your existing application when you log in. When you are reassessed, you will get your result via your North Somerset Citizen's account.
- All applications should be made over the summer holidays.

The link to apply or reapply for Free School Meals for September 2026 is:
www.n-somerset.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Kind regards
Backwell School