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Dear Parent/Carer

IMPORTANT – Free School Meals Information

As you may be aware there are a number of changes to Free School Meals eligibility from the start of next academic year:

- Eligibility is being expanded for all children and young people who are in households in receipt of Universal Credit.
- Transitional protection is ending at the end of July 2026 (Transactional protection has been in place since April 2018 and meant that pupils becoming eligible for free meals under the benefits-based criteria have retained their entitlement for 6 years, even if their household circumstances have changed).

If your child(ren) already receive(s) free school meals:

As a result of these changes all pupils currently in receipt of free school meals will need to re-check their eligibility over the summer break. Please use this link [Free School Meals Checker - Check Eligibility Online | LGfL FSM](#) to have your child(rens) status for free school meals re-checked (view previous check).

If you have recently applied to North Somerset Council for free school meals from September 2026, then you will now need to reapply (check eligibility) using the link above.

If you want to check if your child may be eligible for free school meals:

Please use this link [Free School Meals Checker - Check Eligibility Online | LGfL FSM](#) to see if you would be eligible for free school meals from September 2026.

Free School Meals provide eligible pupils with a free school lunch during the school day. Registering for Free School Meals may also bring additional funding into school through pupil premium.

For more information about the changes to free school meals please [visit this webpage](#) on the Lighthouse Schools Partnership website.

Kind regards

Headteacher