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Dear Parent/Carer,

From September 2026, the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals (FSM) will be changing. From the start of the new school year, all parents/carers who are in receipt of Universal Credit will be eligible for Free School Meals, regardless of the amount received.

Applying takes around 5 minutes, and you will need your National Insurance number. Applications can be made using the following link:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

There is no requirement for pupils who are already receiving Free School Meals to re-apply. This is with the exception of pupils moving from Year 2 into Year 3. Those who are currently eligible for free school meals will require a new application. This is because pupils are moving from universal infant free school meals (UIFSM) to means-tested free school meals (FSM). (A separate letter regarding this will be sent to relevant families).

Applications for the new school year can be made from 01st June 2026.

We encourage you to apply even if you have previously been told you were not eligible. Not only will your child receive a hot, nutritious meal at lunchtime, but the school will also receive additional funding to support pupils.

If you require any further information or support with your application, please contact us at [school contact details].

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Swift'.

Mr J Swift
Headteacher

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