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Dear Parent/Carer

Free School Meals from September 2026

We are getting in touch to let you know that from September 2026 all families that are in receipt of Universal Credit will also be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM).

It is not too early to ensure Derbyshire County Council (DCC) have your family's details to check now. Once they have your family's details on their system they will check every month and if your family does become eligible school will be notified by an online report that they can access securely at any time.

It is quick and easy to register and once the details have been submitted and confirmed correct, they will remain in place for the entire journey through school for your child. DCC just need to be notified if the parent surname changes, if there are additional siblings to add to the record or the child(ren) become resident with a different parent or carer.

If your details are found eligible your family will be immediately entitled to a free meal and this will also continue for the next school year, so if we find or confirm your child is eligible now, they will remain eligible until the end of July 2027.

To ensure our service is inclusive, and can offer the maximum number of families help, please register your family with the DCC Team. It is important to apply, even if your child prefers a packed lunch or you believe that you will not be eligible. It is quick and easy to do. You can apply/register online by visiting www.derbyshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals or email or telephone us details in letterhead above.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Anita Wagstaffe
Operations Manager