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Dear parents and carers,

### **Exciting News about Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding**

We are writing to you today with some important and positive news about Free School Meals (FSM) and a proposed change in government policy that has the potential to affect many of our families.

From **September 2026**, the UK government is changing the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals. This is a fantastic opportunity for our community, and we want to ensure every eligible family benefits.

#### **Why is it so important to apply now, even if you're not sure you are eligible?**

Applying for FSM is about much more than just a free meal. Every successful application unlocks vital **Pupil Premium funding** for our school. This funding is an additional sum of money provided by the government that we use to directly support your child's education and well-being.

#### **The Application Process**

You only need to apply once. Each family will need to complete a simple, confidential application to check their eligibility and ensure our school receives this crucial funding.

Our online application system, **Online FSM**, makes this a quick and easy process. You can apply at any time by visiting:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-greenshawlearningtrust>

#### **Currently eligible?**

The protection for Free School Meals is still in place until August 2026, so if you are currently eligible this remains the case until the new guidelines come into effect next September 2026.

We are encouraging all families to make an OFSM application so that should your financial circumstances change in the future this will automatically be picked up and your child will be eligible for free school meals and pupil premium support.

Thank you for your ongoing support. By working together, we can ensure our school community thrives.

Yours sincerely,

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