

25th June 2026

Dear parents and carers

Important – Free School Meals: Action required before 1st September or you could lose out

From September 2026, the Department for Education has made some changes to the way that Free School Meals are allocated.

This means that you will need to check to make sure if your child can still receive a Free School Meal *and register them for Free School Meals*.

Please click on this link to check your eligibility and register your child:

<https://forms.wigan.gov.uk/xfp/form/750>

You will need to register again even if your child has always received Free School Meals.

There are also some changes to eligibility, so if you are unsure if you can claim a Free School Meal for your child, simply click on the link above and you can find out.

Who is eligible:

From 1st September 2026 your child is entitled to a free school meal if:

- You or your partner receive Universal Credit (the previous limit of £7,400 per year has been removed)
- You receive income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- You receive the guaranteed part of Pension Credit
- You receive Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If you do not register before 1st September 2026 your child may no longer receive free school meals from 1st September, even if they currently receive them.

Click this link to check your eligibility and apply: <https://forms.wigan.gov.uk/xfp/form/750>

The link will take you to an online form where you can enter your details which will enable a check to take place. *You will need to enter your Name, Date of Birth and National Insurance details.*

Please do not miss out, complete the form before 1st September 2026.

Yours faithfully
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Headteacher

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