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Dear Parents and Carers

IMPORTANT UPDATE: Changes to Free School Meals Eligibility from September 2026

Further to our letter of 7th July, we would like to clarify that the Mayor of London has confirmed that primary school children will continue to receive a school meal whilst he is in office. It is, however, important that, if they meet the criteria, parents and carers still register for the Government's free school meals.

As stated previously, the government is introducing two categories of FSM:

- **Targeted FSM:** This covers families receiving Universal Credit with an annual household income of £7,400 or less. Pupils in this category will also attract additional funding for the school (Pupil Premium) and access to other educational entitlements such as the Holiday Activities and Food program (HAF)..
- **Expanded FSM:** This is a new category for all other families receiving Universal Credit who have earnings exceeding £7,400 per year. Children in this category do not attract Pupil Premium funding.

Registering for Targeted FSM ensures the school receives extra money which is used to support your child's education, funding things like extra-curricular activities and intervention groups.

If you have not yet completed the form and you are in receipt of Universal Credit or other qualifying benefits, please click the following link as soon as possible to confirm your status. You will need to provide your name, date of birth, and National Insurance number. A separate form must be completed for each child in the household.

[Free School Meals Checker](#)

Reminder: **all families, including those currently receiving Pupil Premium/FSM, must reapply to continue their entitlement.** Under the new rules, if you do not submit a new application, your child's entitlement will lapse at the end of August 2026.

Please contact Mrs Childs, Attendance and Welfare Officer, (schilds@hillingdonprimaryschool.org.uk) if you have any queries or if you need any assistance with filling out the form.

Yours sincerely,

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