



**HECKMONDWIKE**  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

The Department for Education has issued new guidance regarding Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility, including the end of transitional protections and the introduction of new eligibility criteria. Please see information regarding this change by clicking [here](#).

The changes include:

- Expansion of Free School Meals eligibility to all households receiving Universal Credit, which is anticipated to benefit an additional 500,000 pupils nationally.
- The ending of all transitional protections for Free School Meals.
- The introduction of annual Free School Meal eligibility rechecks to ensure that entitlement remains up to date.

If your child currently receives Free School Meals and you **are under Kirklees Local Authority**, then you will receive a separate email asking you to complete a form.

If your child currently receives Free School Meals and you live **outside of Kirklees Local Authority**, or if you believe you may now be eligible under the new criteria, you will need to submit an application to Kirklees for Free School Meals before September.

**Please note that applications must be made through Kirklees Council, regardless of which local authority you live in.**

You can find further information and submit your application using the link below:

[Free school meals | Kirklees Council](#)

We would encourage you to complete your application as soon as possible to ensure your child's entitlement is in place for the start of the new academic year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours faithfully

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