Hillary Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We want to make sure all families are aware of upcoming changes to Free School Meals (FSM) and encourage anyone who may be eligible to apply.

From September 2026, the government is widening access to free school meals. This means that more families receiving Universal Credit may now qualify. There will be two types of support:

Some children will qualify for free meals only, while others will qualify for both free meals and additional funding for the school (often called Pupil Premium).

Even if your child chooses not to have school meals, registering is still really important. When a child qualifies for the additional funding, it helps the school provide things like extra teaching support, school trips, and enrichment activities.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they already receive a free meal in school. However, the school only receives this additional funding to support your child if you complete an application, so it is still worth checking.

Free school meals are not applied automatically. You will need to complete an application, and your eligibility will be checked through our system.

You can apply online using the link below:
https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/entrust

Some families may already receive emails confirming eligibility for the 2026/2027 school year. Although these messages are being sent now, free meals under the new rules will not begin until September 2026.

If you're unsure whether you qualify, we would always encourage you to apply. The process is quick and confidential and school staff are happy to support you if needed.

Thank you for your support in helping us ensure all children receive the support they are entitled to.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Taylor
Head Teacher