

YORKMEAD JUNIOR AND INFANT SCHOOL

FREE SCHOOL MEAL CHANGES FROM SEPTEMBER 2026



TARGETED
AND
EXPANDED FSM

Dear parents,

From September 2026, more children will be able to receive a free school meal. This is because free school meal eligibility is expanding to include children from households receiving Universal Credit.

From September there will be two categories of benefit based free school meals. Targeted and expanded.

Some pupils will be eligible through targeted FSM. This means they can receive a free school meal and the school may receive additional funding to support pupils.

Other pupils will be eligible through expanded FSM. This means they can receive a free school meal for one academic year, in this instance September 2026 until July 2027.

Our free school meal checker uses parent information to confirm whether your child is targeted or expanded.

Miss Fletcher will contact parents to confirm which criteria their child falls into.