

Free School Meals: Changes from September 2026

From September 2026, the government is expanding eligibility for Free School Meals (FSM) to include more families receiving Universal Credit. Whether your child chooses to take these meals or not, registering helps the school secure vital additional funding, which is used entirely to support disadvantaged students.

We have invested in a new, simple online platform to make this process as easy as possible. We would be very grateful if you could take two minutes to register your details.

My child already receives free school meals—do I need to do anything?

Yes. If your child currently receives free school meals—for example, because they are in Reception, Year 1, or Year 2 (Universal Infant Free School Meals), or through a scheme like the London Universal FSM — it is critical that you register via our portal to ensure there is no interruption to their provision.

What information do you need?

The process is quick and simple. You will need:

- Your name and date of birth
- Contact details
- National Insurance Number (or National Asylum Seekers Number)
- Your child's name and date of birth
- The school your child attends

How to apply

We would be very grateful if you could fill in your details on this [Greenshaw Learning Trust OFSM application form](#) (unless you have already registered), even if you believe you are not entitled to additional funding. The system re-checks details every week, and will automatically update our records if your status changes. **Please note that an application must be completed for each child you have in our school.**

If you would like any help with the application, you are very welcome to come into the school office, and we would be happy to assist you.