



16th June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer(s)

Re: Free School Meals (Universal Credit)

From September 2026, the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals (FSM) will be changing. All children from households in receipt of Universal Credit will be entitled to free school meals (FSM).

Applying for free school meals takes around 5 minutes, and you will need your National Insurance number when you apply. Applications can be made using the following link:

[Free school meals and other benefits | Hertfordshire County Council](#)

There is no requirement for pupils who are already receiving benefit entitled Free School Meals to re-apply. Applications for the new school year can be made from June 2026.



We encourage you to apply even if you have previously been told you were not eligible. Not only will your child receive a hot, nutritious meal at lunchtime, but the school will also receive additional funding to support pupils.

If you require any further information or support with your application, please contact us on 01438 233900 or via email: admin@peartreespring.herts.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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