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Changes to Free School Meal Guidance

Dear Parent/Carer

From 1 April 2025, the arrangements for means tested Free School Meals (FSM) is changing. This will not affect Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) which are provided to all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and are not means tested.

Any eligible claims confirmed after this date will no longer be protected. This means any child confirmed as eligible for free school meals from 1 April 2025 will be subject to ongoing checks to confirm continued eligibility. **This will not impact any children who are already confirmed as eligible prior to this date. Those already confirmed as eligible will maintain their eligibility until the end of their current phase of education (until your child leaves primary school).**

Once they move to their next phase of education, they will be re-assessed for their eligibility status. **This will apply to all year 6 moving onto high school in September 2025.** These children will then be subject to ongoing checks to confirm continued eligibility.

We will undertake routine checks and notify parents of any change to FSM status.

If you do not have a current claim for FSM but you believe you may be entitled or if your circumstances have recently changed, we advise that you apply for FSM between now and the end of March to ensure your claim is protected before these changes take place. If you wish to check your eligibility, please <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/social-care-and-supporting-families/free-school-meals>.

Should you require any assistance, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

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