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Dear Parent / Guardian,

### **Free School Meals – Apply Now to Keep Your Child Supported**

We want to make sure your child continues to receive Free School Meals (FSM) without any interruptions. The current FSM transitional protection will end on 31 March 2025, so we encourage you to check your eligibility and apply as soon as possible.

#### **What Does This Mean for You?**

If your child has been receiving Free School Meals since 1 April 2018, or became eligible during the Universal Credit rollout, they will continue to receive meals until they finish primary or secondary school. However, from 1 April 2025, new applications will be subject to updated eligibility criteria, which could affect your child's entitlement.

#### **Why Apply for Free School Meals?**

Even if your child prefers packed lunches, applying for FSM can benefit both your family and our school:

##### **For Your Child**

- A healthy, balanced meal every school day to keep them energised and focused.
- Better concentration and improved academic performance.
- A sense of inclusion and well-being at school.

##### **For You as a Parent/Guardian**

- Save money on school meals.
- Peace of mind knowing your child has a nutritious meal each day.
- Potential access to extra support available for FSM-eligible families.

##### **For Our School**

- Extra Pupil Premium funding to provide better resources, support, and extracurricular activities.
- A stronger school community where all children can thrive.



## How to Apply

Applying is quick, easy, and confidential. To check eligibility and apply, visit [www.slough.gov.uk](http://www.slough.gov.uk).

We strongly encourage you to apply **before 31 March 2025** to avoid any disruption to your child's meals and to help our school continue to receive vital funding. If you have any questions, we are here to help.

Thank you for your support!

Your sincerely



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