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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to let you know about important changes to the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals (FSM) which means that more children will be able to receive free school meals from September 2026.

From September, all children whose families receive Universal Credit and who attend a maintained school, academy or free school will be able to get a free school meal.

Because of this, **we are encouraging all families who receive Universal Credit to check if they are eligible and apply.**

If you are already receiving free school meals, you will still need to reapply ahead of September.

If you are unsure whether you qualify, we encourage you to apply anyway—it is quick and confidential.

What you need to apply

To complete an application, you will need to provide:

- Your full name
- Your date of birth
- Your National Insurance number (or National Asylum Support Service number, if applicable)

This information is used only to check eligibility securely and will not be used elsewhere.



How to apply

You can apply here:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

Follow the online instructions to submit your application. You can keep updated of your status by logging in to the site using the 6- character reference number provided when you submitted the application.

The academy will be notified of the outcome of your application and will update your child's records to reflect the outcome.

Why it's important to apply

Applying for Free School Meals not only helps your child receive meals at school, but it can also:

- Ensure your child is supported from the start of the school year
- Help the school access additional funding (Pupil Premium) to support learning and resources

Apply now

We encourage you to **apply as soon as possible** so everything is in place for September.

If you need any help with your application, please contact info@miltonkeynesacademy.org.uk —we are happy to support you.

Kind Regards,

Mr Farquhar
Principal
The Milton Keynes Academy