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Important Changes to Free School Meal Eligibility from September 2026

The Government is changing the rules for Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility from September 2026. There will now be two types of benefits-related FSM:

This means more families may be eligible under the **Expanded FSM** category. This can be confusing as all primary school children in London already receive a free school meal, either through:

- **Universal Infant Free School Meals** – Reception to Year 2
- **Mayor of London's Universal Free School Meals** – Years 3 to 6

The new changes are about benefits-related FSM, which can provide additional support to eligible families.

What does this mean for families?

Being eligible for **Expanded FSM** means your child can be registered as benefits-related FSM. However, some additional support is only available to families in the **Targeted FSM** category.

For example, **Expanded FSM** families are not eligible for:

- Holiday food vouchers
- Reduced costs for residential visits and educational trips
- Some hardship funds and grants

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How will we identify eligible families?

Over the coming weeks, we will check FSM eligibility and text families where we are able to confirm their status.

If we need more information from you, we will ask you to complete a short online form (below). Please complete the form if we contact you, even if your child already receives a free school meal.

Registering for benefits-related FSM helps us secure additional funding and identify families who may be eligible for further support.

We strongly encourage all families receiving Universal Credit to complete a check.

Registration for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium - Holy Trinity School 2026 – Fill out form

If you have any questions, please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

Yours sincerely,

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