



Woodrush High School

An Academy for Students Aged 11-18

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re. Free School Meals Eligibility from September

We are writing to inform you about upcoming changes to Free School Meals (FSM) eligibility and the application process, which will take effect from the start of the 2026/27 academic year.

What is changing?

From September 2026, the Government is introducing new eligibility criteria for Free School Meals. These changes include:

- An expansion of eligibility for families receiving Universal Credit
- The end of transitional protection arrangements, meaning all families will need to meet the current eligibility criteria

These changes are intended to widen access to Free School Meals while making the system more consistent.

What this means for you

- Some families who currently qualify may see their eligibility change.
- Other families who were not previously eligible may now qualify.
- All families may need to reapply or have their eligibility checked ahead of September 2026.

Applying for Free School Meals

If you think your child may be eligible, you can apply directly using the link below:

- Apply online here:
<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham>

Applications are quick to complete and you will usually receive a response promptly after submission.





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Why it is important to apply

Registering for Free School Meals not only provides your child with a healthy daily meal but also helps the school to receive additional funding (Pupil Premium) to support learning and wellbeing.

We will send future reminders between now and September and if you have any questions or would like help completing an application, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Barber

Headteacher