EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY
A FREE SCHOOL MEAL.

That means:

- Healthy meals prepared to national nutrition standards
- One less lunchbox to worry about

Our meals are designed to help children:

- Stay focused in class
- Grow strong and healthy
- Enjoy food with friends

FREE SCHOOL MEALS ARE CHANGING IN ENGLAND

TARGETED FSM
Universal Credit households earning £7,400 or under per year. Pupils also attract pupil premium funding and qualify for the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme.

EXPANDED FSM
Universal Credit households earning over £7,400 per year. The big change. No income cap for Universal Credit families. If you receive UC, your child qualifies — regardless of how much you earn.

UNIVERSAL INFANT FSM
All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Unchanged.
Automatic for all infants — no application needed.

Apply before September
Applications may take longer due to high volume. Apply as early as possible to guarantee your child is set up from day one of term.

Not sure if you qualify?
Speak to your child's school directly. You can also check via gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals or contact your local authority.

Information correct as of June 2026. Source: Department for Education guidance, updated May 2026.