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Letter 2 (15th August – *School has access to portal*)

Dear Parents and Carers,

[Changes to Free School Meals Page - LCC](#)

From 1st September 2026, free school meals are available to pupils whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

These new rules also mean that some **children who already get free school meals may no longer be entitled to them.**

A pupil is only eligible to receive a free school meal where both:

- **a claim for this support has been made**
- **their eligibility has been verified by the school where they are enrolled or by the local authority**

Households may also be entitled to a meal if they:

- are in receipt of income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- receive the guarantee element of Pension Credit
- meet criteria set out in separate guidance for [families with no recourse to public funds](#)

Children from Reception to Year 2 will still be entitled to Universal Free School Meals.

Even if you think your child is eligible, but would not take a school meal, by applying, you will allow the school to **claim additional funding** for new equipment and resources for **all of our children**, so it is really worth completing this form.

For further information visit: www.liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals/

Many thanks to you all for your continued support and co operation.

Mr Davey

Executive Headteacher

Reminder

- You are only entitled when you have made a claim for support and your eligibility has been verified by the Local Authority - so you must follow this link

<http://www.liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals/>

- You are only entitled when the school can verify that you are entitled. **You will receive an email** (*which you should keep*) from the LA proving your eligibility.

