

FREE SCHOOL MEALS HAVE CHANGED



From September 2026,
ALL families receiving
Universal Credit will
be entitled to
FREE SCHOOL MEALS
for their children.



This is a welcome change, but it also
means there are now two groups of
children.

Both groups will receive a **FREE HOT MEAL** every day at school.

UNDERSTANDING THE TWO GROUPS



TARGETED FSM (QUALIFY UNDER EXISTING RULES)

- ✓ For families on a lower income who meet the current eligibility rules.
- ✓ Your child will get a **FREE HOT MEAL** every day at school.
- ✓ This group also attracts extra funding (Pupil Premium) for the school to support your child's learning.



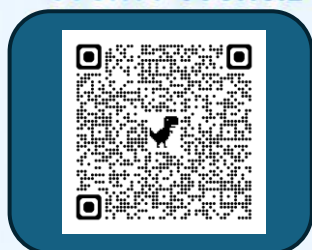
EXPANDED FSM (NEW FROM SEPTEMBER 2026)

- ✓ For ALL families receiving Universal Credit.
- ✓ Your child will get a **FREE HOT MEAL** every day at school.
- ✓ This group will **NOT** attract extra funding (Pupil Premium) for the school.

3 EASY WAYS TO CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY

1

APPLY ONLINE
DIRECTLY THROUGH
WORCESTERSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL



Scan the QR code to go
straight to the secure website.



[https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/
CitizenPortal_LIVE/en](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en)

2

COMPLETE OUR
CONSENT FORM
AND WE WILL CHECK
ON YOUR BEHALF



Complete our consent form
and we will check your child's
eligibility on your behalf.

Return the form to the school
office as soon as possible.

3

ASK FOR A PAPER COPY
FROM THE OFFICE



Ask at the school office for
a paper copy.

We will help you complete it
and send it off for you.

We're here to help! 



CHECKING COULD UNLOCK **EXTRA FUNDING** FOR OUR SCHOOL,
WHICH HELPS SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

