



July 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to inform you about changes to Free School Meals (FSM) eligibility from September 2026 and to encourage eligible families to apply. This could provide your child with a nutritious lunchtime meal each school day, as well as supporting school in accessing additional funding to support students' learning and wellbeing.

From September 2026 all children in households receiving any level of Universal Credit will qualify for a free school meal. At the same time, transitional protection will end.

What this means for you

- Anyone currently receiving free school meals will continue to do so until September 2026.
- Lancashire County Council (LCC) are reviewing all families who currently receive free school meals to see if they remain eligible under the new rules.
- We will contact all families who will no longer be eligible as soon as we have the required information from LCC.
- **If you receive Universal Credit, but do not receive free school meals for your child, please make an application as soon as possible to ensure provision is in place for September 2026.**

How to apply

Applications can be made online for students at Lytham St Annes High School using the following link:

[Free school meals - Lancashire County Council](#)

Please don't miss out!

Even if your child brings a packed lunch, registering may still benefit the school and help us provide extra support for our students.

Need help?

If you need support with the application process or would prefer to speak to someone confidentially, you can contact the relevant team using the email addresses below:

North (Lancaster, Morecambe, Wyre and Fylde) – 01524 581148

pupilaccesssteam.north@lancashire.gov.uk

South (Preston, South Ribble, Chorley and West Lancashire)

fsm.south@lancashire.gov.uk

East (Hyndburn, Ribble Valley, Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale)

fsm.east@lancashire.gov.uk

They will be happy to assist you with your enquiry.

Your sincerely

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