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Subject: Important Update to Free School Meals Eligibility

Dear Parent/Carer,

The government has recently changed the eligibility rules for Free School Meals (FSM), meaning more families may now qualify for support from September 2026.

There are now two types of benefits-based Free School Meals:

1. Targeted Free School Meals

Who qualifies? Families receiving Universal Credit with a net earned household income of **£7,400 or less** per year, or certain other low-income benefits.
What your child will receive:

- A free school meal every day
- Free milk and toast at break time
- Access to additional support programmes, including Holiday Activities and Food (HAF)
- Extra funding for the school through the Pupil Premium, which helps provide additional support for your child's learning, resources and wellbeing

2. Expanded Free School Meals

Who qualifies? Families receiving Universal Credit with a net earned household income of **more than £7,400** per year.
What your child will receive:

- A free school meal every day

Please note that this category does **not** include free milk or toast, Pupil Premium funding, or automatic access to additional programmes such as HAF.

How to Apply
If your circumstances have changed, or you now receive Universal Credit, your child may be eligible. To check eligibility or apply, please visit https://www.cumberland.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-clothing-vouchers-and-activities/free-school-meals-and-clothing-vouchers. You do not need to choose which category applies to your family; eligibility checks will automatically place your child in the correct group.

Thank you for taking the time to ensure your child receives any support they may be entitled to.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Armstrong
Headteacher