22 October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Free School Meals Update

We would like to inform you that the daily Free School Meal (FSM) allowance has increased to **£3.00 per day**. This allowance is credited to eligible students' catering accounts each school day and can be used to purchase food and drinks from our school catering facilities.

Please note that the FSM allowance is a daily allocation of £3.00 and any unused balance does not roll over to the following day. If your child spends more than their daily allowance, any additional items purchased will need to be paid for so you may wish to top up your child's account.

If you believe your child may be eligible for Free School Meals and have not yet applied, please

Follow the link to the North Lincolnshire Council website – information below from NLC
https://www.northlincs.gov.uk/schools-libraries-and-learning/school-food-and-free-school-meals/

A reminder that from the start of the 2026 to 2027 academic year

FSM eligibility to all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit regardless of household earnings. Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or 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

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

If your child qualifies for free school meals you may also receive a school clothing grant. This will be assessed at the same time as your free school meals claim, using the same application.

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How to apply

Please list all of your children who attend a school in North Lincolnshire on the form.

Alternatively, you can use this form Free School Meals Registration Form or get a paper version of the form sent to you if you contact us at fsm@northlincs.gov.uk or 01724 297000

NLC will let you and your child's school know when your claim has been processed.

Alternatively, you can view the information on the Gov.UK website https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

Thank you once again for your continued support.

With kind regards,



Mr C Chancellor
Assistant Principal (Inclusion)