



2nd July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: School Lunches and Free School Meal Applications

The Trust has advised that the cost of school lunches will increase to £3.05 per meal from the start of the new academic year. Payments will continue to be made through **Arbor**.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to receive a Universal Free School Meal (UFSM), funded by the Government. However, if your family is eligible for Free School Meals, we strongly encourage you to complete an application using the link below. Registering helps our school secure valuable additional Government funding, which is used to provide extra support, resources and opportunities that would benefit your child. Eligible families may also be able to access free holiday activities and childcare through FEAST, so it's well worth checking whether you qualify. **FEAST:** <https://northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast/>

Please note that meals for children in Nursery remain chargeable.

Changes to Free School Meal (FSM) Eligibility

The Government is changing the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals. From September, the 'Ever 6' entitlement will no longer qualify children for Free School Meals. This means that only pupils with a current approved Free School Meal application on the new online system will continue to receive free school meals.

If your child is not currently showing as eligible on the Online Free School Meals (OFSM) system, it is very important that you submit a new application before the start of the new academic year if you believe you may be eligible.

Please complete your application using the new online system:

Online FSM Application:

<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/pp-rklt>

If your application is successful, your child will continue to receive Free School Meals and the school may also receive Pupil Premium funding, which provides additional support for your child's education.

If you are unsure whether your child is currently registered or require any assistance with the application process, please contact the school office.

Finally, please ensure that any outstanding dinner money balances are cleared so that we can update Arbor ready for September.

Thank you for your continued support.

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