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Dear Parents/Carers

Free School Meals

The Government is expanding the provision of Free School Meals. This means that from 1 September 2026, all families in receipt of Universal Credit will be entitled to claim the Free School Meals allowance for their children.

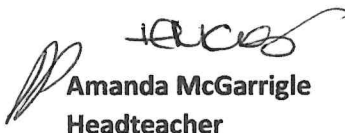
You can check whether your child is legible by visiting:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals>

We advise every family in receipt of Universal Credit to use the checker. If your child will be entitled to Free School Meals from September, we will be notified immediately and your child will receive the Free School Meals (Extended) allowance from September.

Please note, if there is already an existing application in the Free School Meals system, these will be rechecked automatically.

Yours sincerely


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Headteacher