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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Changes to Free School Meal Eligibility

We are writing to inform you about important upcoming changes to Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility, which will take effect from **September 2026**.

The government has announced an expansion of the scheme, meaning that all households receiving Universal Credit will become eligible for free school meals, removing the current income cap. This change is expected to make a significant number of additional families eligible for support.

As a result of these new criteria, many families who may not previously have qualified could now benefit, helping to reduce the cost of school meals and support children's wellbeing.

### **Important information about existing entitlements**

While eligibility is being widened overall, some children who currently receive free school meals may no longer qualify under the new national criteria from September 2026. We understand this may be concerning and we will provide further guidance to affected families as more details are confirmed.

### **Universal Infant Free School Meals**

We would also like to reassure you that all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to receive free school meals, regardless of household income, under the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme.

### **Applying for Free School Meals**

Although eligibility is expanding, families will still need to apply for free school meals through the usual process by completing an application on <https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/entrust> or providing our office staff with parents' National Insurance numbers and date of birth for eligibility checks.

If you have any questions around your child's eligibility, or if you need additional support, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 0121 716 0444 or email [enquiry@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org](mailto:enquiry@colmersfarm.excelsiormat.org).

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr Williams**  
**Headteacher**



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