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Dear Parent/Carer

Expanded Free School Meals from September 2026 – Please Apply or Re-Apply Today

We are writing to let you know about an important change to Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility that could benefit your child.

What is changing?

The government has updated the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals. From September 2026:

- More families will be eligible – if your household receives Universal Credit, your child may now qualify for free school meals.
- Previous transitional protections are ending – some pupils who remained eligible despite changes in family circumstances will no longer automatically retain their entitlement.
- Eligibility will now be based on your current circumstances, so it is important that families apply or re-apply to ensure they receive any support they are entitled to.

These changes mean that some families who were not previously eligible may now qualify, while others will need to confirm their eligibility under the new arrangements.

Why should I apply?

Free School Meals provide much more than a nutritious lunch. If your child is eligible:

- They will receive a free, healthy meal every school day.
- The school may receive additional Pupil Premium funding to help provide extra academic support, enrichment opportunities and resources that benefit eligible pupils.

This additional funding plays a vital role in helping us support our students to achieve their full potential.

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What do I need to do?

We are asking all parents and carers to complete an application or re-application as soon as possible, even if:

- Your child currently receives Free School Meals.
- Your child is in Year 6 and will be joining Turves Green Boys' School in September.
- You are unsure whether you qualify.

Please complete your application online using the link below: Apply for Free School Meals at Turves Green Boys' School <https://tgbs.co.uk/free-school-meals/>. The application is quick, secure and straightforward.

Please apply as soon as possible. Submitting an application ensures your child receives any support they are entitled to and helps the school access additional funding to support our pupils.

Need help?

If you have any questions or would like support completing your application, please contact us at postbox@tgbs.co.uk. We will be happy to help.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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