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18<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

For every child eligible for free school meals, a Household Support voucher to the value of £100 will be issued week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025. If your child is not currently eligible but you think you may be entitled all new applications must be approved by Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025 to qualify.

**Is my child eligible for free school meals?**

Your child might be eligible if you are in receipt of any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit with annual take home pay/net earnings below £7,400 (which equals £616.67 per month) after tax and not including any benefits you get

**Does my child have to eat the free school meals?**

No. Students who are registered for free school meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches, you should still register because the academy will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

**How do I register?**

(You only need to register once and if your child is currently eligible, you **do not** need to re-apply).

You can apply here <https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/free-school-meals> where you can find more information and you apply using the Citizen Portal. If approved, you will receive a message on the portal and a screenshot of this can be emailed to the academy [fsm@hpa.clf.uk](mailto:fsm@hpa.clf.uk) Your child will be able to receive free school meals as soon as the confirmation is received by the academy.

Schools receive additional 'pupil premium' funding from the government to help students reach their full potential. It's provided for students who:

- Are registered for free school meals
- Have been registered for free school meals at any point in the past 6 years
- Are, or have been, in care
- Have left local authority care through adoption, a Special Guardianship Order, Residence Order of a Child Arrangements Order
- Have parents in the armed forces

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We use this extra money to make a real difference to the quality of education we offer, for example:

- Educational provision/resources
- Academic interventions
- Wellbeing and self-esteem building interventions
- Counselling

We would also be grateful for parents/carers to contact us if their child is adopted, under a Special Guardianship, Residence or Child Arrangement Order after leaving local authority care. We are mindful that this is an extremely sensitive matter and would ask that if you would like to discuss this, please contact our Safeguarding Lead. All information will be treated in the strictest confidence; however, you do not have to volunteer this information if you do not wish to.

**More information**

For more information about pupil premium go to our website, which contains details of how the pupil premium has been spent in the past academic year and how it will be spent this year.

If you have any questions or specific concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Esch', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Mr A Esch**  
**Principal**