Monday 31st March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Important Update on Free School Meals (FSM)

We want to inform you about some changes to the Free School Meals (FSM) rules that will take effect from April 1, 2025.

Key Points:

1. Transitional Protection Ends: From April 1, 2025, if your child currently receives FSM but no longer qualifies, they will still receive FSM until they finish either Primary or Secondary school.

2. New Claims After April 2025: Any new FSM claims or children moving from Primary to Secondary school after April 2025 will be subject to updated eligibility rules.

3. Eligibility Checks(Local Authority Check ) We will be checking FSM eligibility regularly. If your income changes and your child no longer qualifies, we will inform you, and your child’s FSM will stop.

· The school does not conduct the eligibility checks themselves, but we will be informed of the outcomes.

· Parents will be notified if their child no longer qualifies, and school will see updates in the online FSM portal.

4. New Applications: If your circumstances change and you think your child may qualify for FSM in the future, you will need to make a new application online.

5. September 2025 FSM Claims: Please do not apply for FSM for children starting in September 2025 until August 2025.

Please check your FSM status regularly and let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs N Tomlinson

Headteacher