

Learning and Caring Together,
“...they will flourish in the courts of our God.” (Psalm 92:13)

Thursday 16TH July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to remind families that The Department for Education has announced changes to Free School Meals eligibility from 1 September 2026. Staffordshire County Council is currently awaiting further guidance and system updates to implement these changes.

To ensure applications can be checked against both the current and new eligibility criteria, parents and carers are advised to submit applications now for children starting or attending school in September 2026.

Applying for Free School Meals

If you think your child may be eligible, please apply online through Staffordshire County Council:
www.staffordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

New Starters and Transfers

If your child is joining our school from:

- A school outside Staffordshire, or
- A school that does not use Staffordshire's FSM checking service,

a new Free School Meals application must be submitted.

Need Help?

For Free School Meals enquiries, please contact Staffordshire County Council:

Email: freeschoolmeals@staffordshire.gov.uk

Telephone: 0300 111 8007 (Option 3, then Option 2)

If you think your child may be eligible, we encourage you to apply as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Sue Machin
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