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Dear Parents and Carers,

Changes to Free School Meals Eligibility Checks

We are writing to inform you of important changes to Free School Meals (FSM) that will come into effect from September 2026.

The Department for Education has announced an expansion of the current eligibility criteria. From September 2026, all households receiving Universal Credit will qualify for Free School Meals. This change removes the current £7,400 income cap. This change is expected to increase the number of families able to benefit from this support.

Free School Meals can make a significant difference by helping to reduce the cost of school lunches and ensuring children receive a healthy meal each day. The Department for Education estimates that this could save families up to £495 per child each year.

By carrying out regular eligibility checks, the Council aims to:

- Ensure eligible families continue to receive their entitlement without interruption.
- Identify children who may qualify for support but are not currently registered.
- Help schools access additional funding that can be used to support pupils' education and wellbeing.

How to apply?

If you think your household meets the new criteria, we ask that you complete a short form on the link below:

[Free School Meals Eligibility Checker](#)

If you have more than one child attending this school, please complete a separate form for each child. This will allow us to check and apply on your behalf.

The information you provide will be shared with the Local Authority, who will carry out an eligibility check using the Department for Education (DfE) Eligibility Checker. If your child is eligible, they will be automatically enrolled for Free School Meals, and we will be informed. We will then share this information with you.

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Please note that eligibility must be reconfirmed each year. By completing the form, you are providing consent for Hunslet Moor Primary School and the Local Authority to carry out these checks on this occasion, and on an annual basis, so that we can continue to support your child without interruption if they remain eligible, or ensure they have access to a Free School Meal should they become eligible.

It is really important that even if you are already in receipt of Free School Meals, that you still complete this form. Without up-to-date information, your eligibility from September may not be confirmed.

Please complete this form no later than Friday 3rd July. If you have any questions or need assistance completing the form, please do not hesitate to contact us on 0113 271 7257 or email enquiries@hunsletmoor.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

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