



Free School Meals (FSM) and Pupil Premium Funding 2026/2027 Updates



Understanding the Different Types of Free School Meals

There are now two categories of Free School Meals (FSM), and it is important for parents and carers to understand the difference between them.

Targeted Free School Meals

Targeted Free School Meals are available to families who meet specific income-related eligibility criteria.

Pupils who qualify for Targeted FSM:

- Receive free school meals.
- Attract Pupil Premium funding for the school.
- May be eligible for additional support and opportunities provided through Pupil Premium funding.

Expanded Free School Meals

Expanded Free School Meals are available under wider eligibility arrangements.

Pupils who qualify for Expanded FSM:

- Receive free school meals.
- Do not attract Pupil Premium funding for the school.

If your child has not previously been eligible for free school meals, they may now qualify under the expanded criteria.

Why Is It Important to Apply for Targeted FSM?

Pupil Premium is additional government funding provided to schools to help improve educational outcomes for disadvantaged pupils.

This funding enables schools to provide:

- Additional academic support.
- Intervention programmes.
- Enrichment opportunities.
- Resources and equipment to support learning.
- Pastoral and wellbeing support.

Even if your child already receives free school meals through the Expanded FSM scheme, it is important to check whether they may qualify for Targeted FSM, as this can provide additional funding to support pupils across the school.



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Has Your Circumstances Changed?

You should review your eligibility if your household circumstances have changed recently. Changes such as employment status, income, benefits received, or family circumstances may affect your entitlement.

Keeping your information up to date helps to:

- Ensure your child receives any support they are entitled to.
- Allow the school to access any additional funding available through Pupil Premium.
- Ensure school records accurately reflect your current circumstances.

How to Apply or Update Your Details

If you believe you may now be eligible for Targeted Free School Meals, please apply [here](#) via the Local Authority website.

If you are unsure whether your child may be eligible, please contact the school. We will be happy to provide guidance and direct you to the appropriate Local Authority services.

Further Information

For more information about Free School Meals and Pupil Premium funding, please visit:

- [BHS Pupil Premium](#)
- [East Riding Pupil Premium Grant](#)
- [East Riding FSM](#)
- [DfE FSM](#)