

Dear Parents and Carers

You are receiving this letter because your child is currently recorded as eligible for Pupil Premium and/or Free School Meals (FSM).

At Yattendon, we are always looking for ways to improve the experiences we provide for our pupils. A significant amount of this support is funded through Pupil Premium, so it is important that our records are accurate and up-to-date.

As you are aware from our previous letter on 13th April, important changes were announced regarding Free School Meal eligibility from September 2026.

The Government has announced the following change:

- **From September 2026, all pupils with a parent or carer receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to Free School Meals, regardless of household income.**

However:

- **Pupil Premium funding criteria are not changing.** Schools will still only receive Pupil Premium funding for pupils whose families meet the current income threshold (annual earned income of £7,400 or less).

This means that while more children may qualify for Free School Meals, not all of these pupils will attract Pupil Premium funding for the school.

Existing eligibility criteria (such as Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, and others) will continue to apply alongside these changes. We will inform you if any further updates are made by the Department for Education.

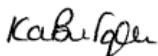
What happens next?

To ensure our records remain accurate and that the school receives all funding it is entitled to, we will carry out eligibility checks at the start of the Autumn Term 2026. As we already hold your details, this process will be completed automatically and we will inform you once checks have been finalised.

We kindly ask that you do not assume eligibility will continue until you have received confirmation from the school.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at kburgess@yattendon.surrey.sch.uk or through the school office.

Yours sincerely



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