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Exciting News about Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to you today with some important and positive news about Free School Meals (FSM) and a proposed change in government policy that has the potential to affect many of our families.

From September 2026, the UK government is changing the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals. This is a fantastic opportunity for our community, and we want to ensure every eligible family benefits.

Why is it so important to apply now, even if you're not sure you are eligible?

Applying for FSM is about much more than just a free meal. Every successful application unlocks vital Pupil Premium funding for our school. This funding is an additional sum of money provided by the government that we use to directly support your child's education and well-being. This can include...

- Additional financial support for school uniforms.
- Providing extra support staff for small group learning.
- Investing in new classroom resources and technology.
- Supporting breakfast clubs and after-school provisions.

Crucially, even if your child currently receives Universal Free School Meals (ie in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 OR for London schools all children), it is still vital to complete an application for Free School Meals. This is because Universal FSM is a separate initiative, and only a successful FSM application (based on government support) will trigger the additional Pupil Premium funding that our school so greatly relies on to enrich your child's learning experience and support you.

The Application Process

You only need to apply once. Each family will need to complete a simple, confidential application to check their eligibility and ensure our school receives this crucial funding.

Our online application system, Online FSM, makes this a quick and easy process. You can apply at any time by visiting:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-greenshawlearningtrust>



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The process is confidential, and your child's FSM status will not be made public. We strongly encourage all families to apply, as you may be eligible under the current criteria as well.

Currently eligible?

The protection for Free School Meals is still in place until August 2026, so if you are currently eligible this remains the case until the new guidelines come into effect next September.

The government has not announced the new indicators yet, so it is important to have registered on the same link to ensure we have the most up to date information for the system to check against the new criteria once it has been published.

We are here to help!

If you have any questions or need support with submitting an application, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or Mr Haddock who can be reached in complete confidence at office@bandonhillprimary.co.uk or by calling the school telephone number 020 8647 5377.

Thank you for your ongoing support. By working together, we can ensure our school community thrives.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Haddock
Deputy Headteacher

