



20<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

### **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

I would like to take this opportunity to share the following information with parents/carers about Free School Meals (FSM) and Universal Infant Free School Meals (UFSM).

The Government provides Universal Infant Free School Meals (UFSM) to all children in Reception/Y1/Y2 in state funded infant schools.

Free School Meals (FSM) is a statutory benefit available to school-aged children in Reception/KS1 (this is in addition to UFSM) and KS2 pupils, from families who receive other qualifying benefits and who have been through the relevant registration process.

If your financial situation has changed or you have never checked if your child is eligible for Free School Meals (FSM) please check before 31 March 2025.

It is worth checking even if your child is currently in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and is entitled to a Universal Infant Free School Meal (UFSM).

At the moment if you apply for Free School Meals (FSM) before 31st March via Doncaster Council then your child will receive the free meals until the **end of their primary education**. However due to changes in the Universal Credit rollout after 31st March your eligibility could stop if your situation changes.

See the link below from the Money Saving Expert with more details.

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/family/free-school-meals/>

TO CHECK ELIGIBILITY AND APPLY TO DONCASTER COUNCIL PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING LINK:

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/free-school-meals>

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any support or further clarification – email [office@richmond.doncaster.sch.uk](mailto:office@richmond.doncaster.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely  
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