

Free school meals eligibility has changed – please read

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**BRAMHALL
HIGH SCHOOL**

Dear Parent/Carer,

From September 2026, the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals have changed. As we prepare for our autumn census, we want to ensure that all families who may be entitled to support are identified and receive the help available to them.

If your child is not currently in receipt of Free School Meals we encourage you to complete a quick online application, even if you do not think you are eligible. The process is simple, confidential, and may benefit your child both now and in the future if your circumstances change.

What You Need to Do – [Click the link here to check your eligibility](#)

Why Apply? Since September 2026 there are now two types of Free School Meals:

Expanded Free School Meals - This provides your child with a free school meal each day:

- £3.46 per day on their cashless canteen account for lunch.
- An additional 60p breakfast allowance, available before 8:20am.
- Automatic access to these funds when they enter their PIN number at the canteen.

Targeted Free School Meals - This provides your child with a free school meal each day and additional support for the school through Pupil Premium funding. Examples below

- Targeted tuition and intervention programmes
- Additional staffing and pastoral support
- Contributions towards curriculum trips and visits
- Uniform assistance
- Food Technology ingredients and resources
- Other support to help students achieve their full potential

What Happens Next? Once you submit your application through the Online Free School Meals platform, you will receive an instant email confirming whether your child is eligible.

If your application is successful, your child's free school meals allowance will usually be available from the following week. All applications and information provided will be treated in the strictest confidence. If you have any questions or need support with your application, please contact OFSM@bramhallhigh.stockport.sch.uk

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