THE MANDEVILLE SCHOOL
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Reminder: Free School Meals Application for 2026/2027

Further to our communication sent in June 2026, we are writing to urgently remind you of the changes to Free School Meals (FSM) eligibility for this academic year.

As previously communicated, the Department for Education closed the Transitional Protection for FSM at the end of the Summer Term. This change means that, all families, including those who previously received Free School Meal, must make a new application for the 2026/2027 academic year to continue receiving support.

To assist with the return to school, we honoured FSM provision for one day only, Monday 7th September, for students who received FSM last term. However, please be advised that this was a temporary measure. **As of tomorrow, Tuesday 8th September, we are not able to provide a Free School Meal for any student whose new eligibility has not been confirmed.**

If you have not yet reapplied or your application is still pending, please ensure that you top up your child's Arbor account to cover the cost of their meals, or ensure they bring a packed lunch to school tomorrow.

To apply for Free School Meals for this academic year, please complete the Google form in the previous letter immediately: Free School Meals Application 2026/27.

Once you submit the form, our administrative teams will process it and update our systems as soon as confirmation is received. If you need assistance with your specific eligibility or the application process, please contact the school office or email victoria.price@mandeville.school.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully

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