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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you receive certain benefits. Applying may also help schools access extra funding to support learning and wellbeing. In order to determine your eligibility for free school meals, Rutland County Council will complete checks on behalf of all Rutland schools.

Please note: if your child has received free school meals in the past, you must still complete this form. The DfE requires schools and local authorities to recheck eligibility for free school meals funding from September 2026.

You can find more information about eligibility requirements at [this link](#). You only need to complete this form once for each school your children attend. If you have multiple children at a school, you can enter up to four children on the same form. If, for example, you have children attending two different schools, you will need to complete two forms. On an annual basis, schools will check if your children still qualify. Please let the school know if your circumstances change.

Rutland County Council will keep your information safe and only use it to check eligibility and provide support where needed. We will delete your data after eligibility checking is complete.

## Free School Meals Eligibility Check



### What to do :

To see if your children are eligible for free school meals, please complete all parts of the short electronic form. If you are receiving this letter electronically, you can click on the link below or scan the QR code for access.

[www.rutland.gov.uk/fsm-check](http://www.rutland.gov.uk/fsm-check)

Your children's school(s) will have set a deadline for completion of this form. Please complete the form by this deadline to ensure your children's school(s) can process your eligibility on time.

If you need help completing the form, please contact your children's school(s).

Yours sincerely,

**Rutland County Council - SEND, Inclusion and Learning Team**