



Midsomer Norton Primary School

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Important Information Regarding School Meals for Year 3

2nd June 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians

We are writing to inform you about an upcoming change to school meal provision for your child as they transition from Year 2 to Year 3 in July.

Currently, all children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 receive Universal Free School Meals, funded by the government. **This provision will end in August 2026**, once your child completes Year 2.

When your child starts Year 3 in September, school meals will be charged at **£2.90 per meal**. This cost includes a main course and a dessert.

Eligibility for Benefit-Related Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

We understand that some families may be entitled to benefit-related free school meals, which also provides additional funding to the school through the Pupil Premium. This funding is vital in supporting your child's education.

Your child may be eligible for benefit-related free school meals if they are attending a state school in Bath and North East Somerset, and you are currently receiving one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (if your annual net earned income is £7,400 or less, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Please note: If you have applied for Universal Credit, your child will only become eligible for free school meals once you receive your first Universal Credit payment.

What you need to do:

- **If you believe your child may be eligible for benefit-related free school meals:** We strongly encourage you to apply as soon as possible. Even if your child does not wish to have school meals every day, their eligibility for free school meals secures valuable Pupil Premium funding for the school, which directly benefits all children. Please apply via <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> or by calling 01225 39 43 17.

- **If your child will not be eligible for benefit-related free school meals:** Please be aware that you will need to pay for school meals from September. School meals need to be paid for on booking and bookings to be made by 12 noon the Thursday before. Alternatively, you may wish for your child to bring a packed lunch from home.

We are committed to ensuring all children receive a nutritious meal during the school day. If you have any questions or require support regarding school meals or free school meal eligibility, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Yours sincerely

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Head of school