



# Flanderwell Primary School

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***"Every child, every minute, every hope"***



Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Free School Meals – Important Information

We would like to remind you of the importance of applying for Free School Meals (FSM) if you think your child may be eligible. School receives additional funding for every child awarded FSM, which allows us to enhance the educational experience for all pupils.

This funding helps us to:

- Provide additional adult support in classrooms
- Purchase new learning resources
- Offer pupil leadership opportunities
- Enable children to represent the school in performances
- Increase educational trips and visitor experiences
- Provide rewards for good attendance
- Improve playtime resources

Eligible pupils also benefit from:

- Discounted after-school clubs
- Free school trips
- Support with school uniform when needed

Even if your child is registered for FSM for just one day, the school receives funding for six years, which makes a significant difference.

**Who Should Apply?**

If you think you may be eligible, we strongly encourage you to apply. If successful, both you and the school will be notified by Rotherham Borough Council.

Please note:

- You must apply separately for each child.
- Children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 receive Universal Free School Meals, but applying for FSM can unlock additional benefits and funding.

**Eligibility Criteria**

Your child may be eligible if you receive one or more of the following:

- Universal Credit (with annual net earned income of no more than £7,400)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with income less than £16,190 and no Working Tax Credit)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying)

**How to Apply**

Apply online at: <https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/xfp/form/532>

If you need help with your application, please contact the school office – we're happy to assist.

Yours sincerely,  
Mr Adam Cornes  
Headteacher