



Blaise High School
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Blaise!

Meal deal price increase

In Miss Shelton's welcome back letter she told families that there would be a price increase for meal deals that students purchase at school, unfortunately this is out of our control but we have been assured that the price is in line with other schools in Bristol. From Monday 15th September the price of a meal deal will increase from £2.60 to £2.77, free school meals are not impacted by this change.

Exciting News about Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding

We want to take this opportunity to share some important and positive news about Free School Meals (FSM) and a proposed change in government policy that has the potential to affect many of our families.

From **September 2026**, the UK government is changing the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals, meaning more people are able to receive Free School Meals. This is a fantastic opportunity for the Blaise High School community, and we want to ensure every eligible family benefits.

Why is it so important to apply now, even if you're not sure you are eligible?

Applying for FSM is about much more than just a free meal. Every successful application unlocks vital **Pupil Premium funding** for our school. This funding is an additional sum of money provided by the government that we use to directly support your child's education and well-being. At Blaise, this includes:

- *Additional financial support for school uniform, we spend around £15,000 a year on uniform.*
- *Additional support for reading and interventions.*
- *Funding school trips and educational activities such as our annual university visits*
- *Investing in new classroom resources and technology such as the new bathrooms and screens*
- *Supporting breakfast club which is free for everyone and after-school enrichments which are free for all*

The Application Process

You only need to apply once. Each family will need to complete a simple, confidential application to check their eligibility and ensure our school receives this crucial funding.

Our online application system, **Online FSM**, makes this a quick and easy process. You can apply at any time by visiting:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-greenshawlearningtrust>

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The process is confidential, and your child's FSM status will not be made public. We strongly encourage all families to apply, as you may be eligible under the current criteria as well.

Currently eligible?

The protection for Free School Meals is still in place until August 2026, so if you are currently eligible this remains the case until the new guidelines come into effect next September.

The government has not announced the new indicators yet, so it is important to have registered on the same link to ensure we have the most up to date information for the system to check against the new criteria once it has been published.

We are here to help!

If you have any questions or need support with submitting an application, please email info@blaisehighschool.co.uk. Your request will be passed on in complete confidence to the a member of staff who can support you.

Thank you for your ongoing support. By working together, we can ensure our school community thrives.

Yours sincerely,

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