

FOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL



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FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may be aware, from **1st September 2026** there have been changes to Free School Meals (FSM), with two categories now in place: **Targeted FSM** and **Expanded FSM**.

We would like to clarify the difference, particularly in relation to school trips and activities.

Targeted FSM applies to households on Universal Credit earning £7,400 or less per year. It includes free meals plus extra support like Pupil Premium.

Children eligible for Targeted FSM receive free school meals, milk and morning snack. Their eligibility also attracts additional funding and support for the school, such as Pupil Premium. As a result, families will be asked to make a **reduced contribution towards school trips and activities**.

Expanded FSM covers families on Universal Credit earning above £7,400 per year. It provides free school meals only, without the extra benefit funding.

Expanded FSM provides free school meals to a wider group of children. However, this does **not** attract the same additional funding. Therefore, families will be asked to make the **full contribution towards school trips and activities**. If you are in receipt of Universal Credit, please go on to the council website to check your eligibility.

We appreciate that the two categories can be confusing. If you are unsure whether your child receives Targeted or Expanded FSM, please contact the school office.

If you feel your child is in the wrong category, please contact Education Benefits at Bradford Council (educationbenefits@bradford.gov.uk)

Kind regards

Mrs Bradley

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