NICHOLAS CHAMBERLAINE SCHOOL

Urgent reminder - funding available!
Free School Meal Rules Have Changed

You May Now Be Eligible
(and your child can benefit from more than just Free School Meals!)

Dear NCS Families,

The criteria for Free School Meals (FSM) have changed. Even if you were turned down before, your family may now be entitled to support.
If you haven't done so already, please check your status and apply before **25th September 2026**.

This can give your child access to…

- **Free school meals**
- **Subsidised school trips and educational visits**
- **Additional support with the cost of school activities and opportunities**
- **Support with revision guides and exam resources when your child reaches KS4**
- **Other targeted support available through school, where appropriate**

Even if your child does not regularly take a school meal, please still apply. Being registered as eligible can help us identify your child for additional support and opportunities throughout their time at NCS.

What's Changed?

- **All Universal Credit families now qualify.** If your household receives Universal Credit, your child is entitled to free school meals regardless of how much you earn.
- **Old protection rules have ended.** Eligibility is now based on your current circumstances, so every family needs to check and reapply.

2 Quick Steps Before 25th September

1. **Check instantly online:** Take 60 seconds to check your eligibility using our school checker: NCS FSM eligibility checker
2. **Submit your formal application:** If eligible, apply through Warwickshire County Council – Free School Meals.

Need Help or Internet Access?

Application support: Contact **reception@nicholaschamberlaine.co.uk** **where one of our colleagues can assist**, or Warwickshire County Council at **freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk** or **0800 408 1558** (Freephone).

Free devices and Wi-Fi: Local libraries offer free Wi-Fi and access to computers. You can also borrow a Lenovo tablet for up to six weeks from participating hub libraries, including Nuneaton.

Don't miss out on support your child may be entitled to – please check today.

Yours sincerely,

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