



Free School Meal (FSM) Eligibility Check – Consent Needed

We are asking for your consent to complete a Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility check for your child. Even if you believe you may not qualify, please still provide your details, as this could help the school access valuable additional funding.

Completing the FSM check helps us identify whether your child qualifies for Free School Meals and enables the school to receive Pupil Premium funding, which supports learning, wellbeing and enrichment activities.

Eligibility

From 1 September 2026, all children in households receiving Universal Credit will receive free school meals. There will be two categories:

- **Targeted FSM**, which continues to be based on the existing threshold, covering pupils who are in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less
- **Expanded FSM**, a new category covering pupils who do not qualify for targeted FSM, but who are in households receiving Universal Credit

Providing consent on the MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) App

To allow us to complete the eligibility check, please:

- Log in to MCAS
- Go to **Consents** and enable the FSM consent option to confirm you have read this document
- Go to **View Your Personal Details** → **Other Details** and enter:
 - Your Date of Birth
 - Your National Insurance (NI) number or National Asylum Support Service (NASS) number

Your information will be used securely by Slough Borough Council who manage the FSM Eligibility Checking Service Level Agreement in School solely to confirm eligibility.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact your child's school.