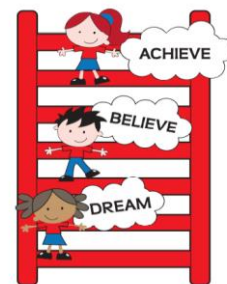


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Dear Parent/Carers,

The rules for Free School meals are changing from the 1st April 2025. Please see the following changes below.

Free School Meals: The rules around protection of free school meals are changing. These changes will apply to families who become eligible after 1st April 2025. Currently all children entitled to free school meals will receive them until they finish either primary or secondary education. This continues even if your income increases. This is called transitional protection. Access to this protection will end from 1st April 2025, so if you apply after then, and your earnings go above £7,400 net per annum (£616.67 per month), your child will no longer be eligible for free school meals. You will need to apply for them again if your income goes down.

We are therefore strongly encouraging all families who aren't already in receipt of free school meals to apply before 1st April 2025. Applying is quick and easy, by accessing the following link:

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/your-child-at-school/meals/school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

Children who are eligible for free school meals also help us to access additional funding for your child's education through pupil premium. This funding is provided to schools by the government to help support eligible children and improve their educational experience. And can make a real difference to the resources, support and opportunities we can provide for all of our pupils.

Thank you for your support in helping us provide the best education possible for your child.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss T. Smith
Headteacher

