



## St. Anne's C.E. (VC) Primary School

### "Together with God, Making Learning a Life Long Friend"

*We aspire to be guided in all that we do by our inclusive Christian ethos. We are enthusiastic about life-long learning and share wisdom in serving each other and our world. We encourage all to live lives of hope and aspiration, inspired through acquiring new skills and attributes. Dignity and respect are at the heart of our school.*

16<sup>th</sup> June, 2026

#### FOR THE ATTENTIONM OF THE PERSON WITH PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

#### RE ; FREE SCHOOL MEALS

The Government has announced changes to the entitlement criteria for Free School Meals (FSM) from September 2026. From then, there will be two different types of FSM, 'targeted' and 'expanded'.

#### TARGETED FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Families who receive any of the following are eligible for 'targeted' Free School Meals:-

- Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less
- Support under Pat VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Are in receipt of income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Receive the guarantee element of Pension Credit

#### EXPANDED FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Families in receipt of Universal Credit, with annual household earnings exceeding £7,400 will be entitled to 'expanded' Free School Meals.

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## FURTHER INFORMATION AND HOW TO APPLY

You may have applied for Free School Meals previously and not met the criteria; however, we recommend that you apply again if you think your child may now be eligible.

To apply under 'targeted' or 'expanded' Free School Meals please visit:-

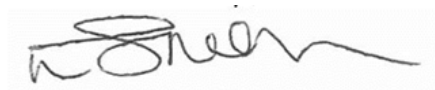
<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/financial-support-school/free-school-meals/applying-free-school-meals> Apply online using the application form

Applications for 'expanded' Free School Meals from September 2026 cannot be processed before 15<sup>th</sup> June 2026. A Free School Meal cannot be provided under 'expanded' criteria before 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026.

If your child already gets Free School Meals and is moving to any Staffordshire School in September (from a first, primary, Middle or High School) you don't need to re-apply. Your claim will be automatically reassessed and moved to the new school if your child is still entitled to Free School Meals.

For more information, we encourage you to visit the Staffordshire Free School Meals 'Frequently asked questions' page at the <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/financial-support-school/free-school-meals/applying-free-school-meals> This page contains further information including additional criteria for families with no recourse to public funds (NRPF)

Kind regards,



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