

# Newlands Girls' School

**Courage Commitment Compassion**

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Dear Parents and Carers

When the Universal Tax Credit programme was introduced, families receiving Free School Meals were protected from 1 April 2018 until 31 March 2025. This meant that if your financial circumstances positively changed your Free School Meal entitlement would remain protected until your child reached the end of their phase of education.

If your child is currently eligible for Free School Meals it is possible they may continue to be eligible for the next academic year. To check your eligibility for September 2025 please fill in the application using the link below.

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/rbwm>

This will take just a couple of minutes to complete. Your eligibility status will appear on the screen within minutes, but can take up to 48 hours to validate, and the school is also notified of the outcome. There is no need to bring any documentation into the school. From September 2025 the current daily allowance is £2.60.

Free school meals are typically available to children whose families are receiving certain benefits, such as Universal Credit, Income Support, or other welfare benefits. The eligibility checking service will continue to do checks right up to the point your child joins us in September, should your circumstances change following the completion of the application.

If you do not have access to the internet or would like help with the form, please contact us at [finance@newlandsgirls.co.uk](mailto:finance@newlandsgirls.co.uk). All applications are treated in the strictest confidence.

Please note: The school receives additional funding if your child is eligible for Free School Meals, so we strongly encourage you to take up this entitlement.

Best wishes

Miss Jo Capon  
Headteacher



We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

