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GLEBE PARENT NEWSLETTER



It has been lovely welcoming you all back this week. I hope you all had a good summer and enjoyed time with loved ones.

As we have started with a short week, we have focused on team building sessions to get the children settled into their new classes - most with new teachers and many with a new set of classmates. The children appear to have relished the opportunity to impress their new teachers and have started the year with positivity.

The curriculum will start on Monday and I know the children will be keen to get started.

A warm welcome to all the families who have joined us this week - we hope your time at Glebe is happy and successful.

FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2026



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Key Information & Reminders



Pupil Premium Eligibility.

What is Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium is additional funding given to schools to help support children who may face financial or other barriers to learning. Schools use this funding to provide additional support and opportunities for eligible pupils.

What has changed?

From September 2026, **all children living in a household receiving Universal Credit can qualify for Free School Meals.**

However, there are now **two types of Free School Meals:**

- **Targeted Free School Meals** – these continue to use the existing household income threshold of **£7,400.**
- **Expanded Free School Meals** – these are available to children in households receiving **Universal Credit**, even where the household income is above the £7,400 threshold.

The important difference is that **only children who qualify for Targeted Free School Meals are eligible to attract Pupil Premium funding** for their school. Children who qualify only through the new Expanded Free School Meals criteria will receive free school meals but **will not attract Pupil Premium funding.** As things stand, with the Mayor of London's continued programme of free school meals for every child attending a London school, there is no noticeable change for parents. However, we have been asked to keep a record of all pupils who meet the targeted and expanded criteria. Therefore, please can you check your current eligibility and inform the school immediately, if your family meets the criteria for either targeted (£7,400 or less annual income) or expanded (family receiving Universal Credit) so we can update our records?

MAYOR OF LONDON

25 August 2026

Sent by email

Dear families,

We are writing to let you know about a change to how the Government's Free School Meals scheme is funded and what this means for your family.

What's not changing: all children attending a London state primary school will continue to receive a free school lunch every day.

Sadiq Khan will continue to fund Universal Free School Meals for London's state primary schools for as long as he is the Mayor of London. This means that if your child attends a London state primary school, they will continue to receive a free school lunch every day.

What is changing: who can get government-funded Free School Meals.

The Government has expanded its Free School Meals scheme so that all children in households receiving Universal Credit are now eligible, regardless of household income.

What does this mean for you?

If your household receives Universal Credit, your council may already be checking eligibility and registering children. If so, you don't need to do anything.

If you haven't heard from your school or council, please contact your school before Thursday 1st October 2026 to make sure your child is registered for the national Government's Free School Meals scheme. Your school may ask you to fill out a form, or they may fill this out for you.

Why is this important?

Registering means:

1. Your child can continue receiving free meals for as long as they're eligible, even after they leave primary school.
2. Your school may receive additional funding through Pupil Premium, worth up to £1,550 per child, helping to support pupils who need it most. This funding enables boroughs to invest in targeted support, including for those with special educational needs and disabilities, mentoring, staff training, breakfast clubs and after school clubs. It also helps parents access further support, including council grants to buy school uniforms.

MAYOR OF LONDON

Will my child receive free school meals if I don't register?

Yes, if your child attends a London primary state school, they will continue to receive a free school meal every day. However, if you receive Universal Credit, registering helps ensure that your child and school receive the full support available to them.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,
Joanne McCartney

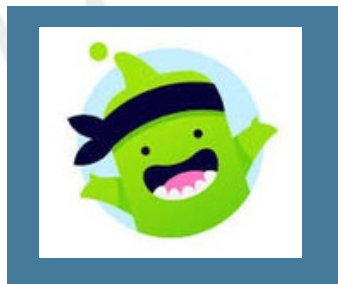


Joanne McCartney
Statutory Deputy Mayor / Deputy Mayor for Children and Families



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Class Dojo

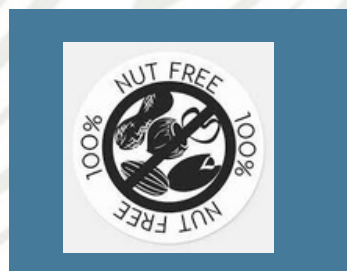
If you are new to Glebe, please sign up for this free app. It is widely used throughout the school and an excellent way to keep in touch with your child's class teacher.

I would like to remind all parents to be mindful of teachers' work/life balance and I encourage my staff to not write or respond to Dojo messages after 6pm. I also ask that you consider that teachers may not be able to respond to queries during the school day as they are teaching.



School Lunches

Please don't forget that even though all school meals are fully funded, you must still order your child's meals directly from Dolce. To avoid food wastage, they do not deliver extra meals to cover any shortfall, so booking a meal is vital to ensure your child receives a lunch.



Packed Lunches

Please don't forget that we are a **nut free** school. We have a significant number of children with life-threatening nut allergies, so we ask that everyone plays their part in keeping these children safe. This includes food containing nuts, e.g. nutella, etc.



We do not allow sweets or chocolate in children's lunch boxes. The Pantry, like all school meal caterers, are bound by strict rules surrounding nutrition standards and, in the interests of fairness for all children, we ask that if parents are providing their child with a lunch, that it is healthy and nutritionally balanced. For details of the food standards guidance for the UK, see page 5.

School Food Standards

Fruit & veg

1+ portions of veg &
1+ portion of fruit
each day



Milk & dairy

1 portion every day



Starchy food

1+ portion of
wholegrain starchy
food per wk



Meat, fish, eggs & beans

A portion from this
group every day



Foods high in fat, salt & sugar

Restrictions for certain foods.
Desserts, cakes & biscuits
allowed

No confectionary, chocolate or
chocolate coated products



Healthier drinks

Water as main drink but
also allow
lower fat milk & some
specific fruit & vegetable
drinks



When preparing your child's packed lunch,
please consider these standards

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Scooters

Just a reminder that we ask all children to dismount their scooters before entering the playground at morning drop off and pick up times. This includes pre-school age children too and this is for the safety of everyone as the playground is very busy during this time.



Gathering on Pavement/at Gates

I appreciate that many of you have not seen each other for a while but please can I ask that parents refrain from gathering on the pavement directly outside the school entrances as well as at the gates? This makes already tight spots more congested and possibly dangerous for other parents with children to pass.



Curriculum Maps

These documents detail what each year group will be studying this term and will be sent out by each year group via Class Dojo on Monday for your information. Alongside this, teachers will send the vocabulary that will be taught as part of the topics this term so you can support your children at home if you wish to.

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Key Dates



Autumn Term - 2026

Thursday 24th September – 5K Class Assembly* – 9.15am



Wednesday 30th September – 6M & 6D Tower of London

Thursday 1st October – 6L Tower of London



Monday 5th October – Year 4 Production to Parents 9:15pm

Tuesday 6th October – Year 5 Trip to Royal Institution of Science
Year 4 Production to Parents 2:30pm

Wednesday 7th October – Year 5 Trip to Royal Institution of Science
Year 4 Production to Parents 5pm

Thursday 8th October – Year 5 Trip to Royal Institution of Science



Thursday 15th October – 5F Class Assembly* – 9.15am



Tuesday 20th October – Parents Evening 4 – 7pm

Thursday 22nd October – Parents Evening 4:30pm – 7:30pm



Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October Half-term

Monday 2nd November – INSET DAY

*** parking on the playground from 9.05am but not before for safety purposes.**



Glebe Primary School

Road Safety & Parking



Parking Pledge

Please following this link to make your pledge to keep the school run safe for all

[Glebe Primary's Parent Parking Pledge](#)

Top Safety Tips

Use the crossing

Watch your speed

Don't park on zig zags

Don't park on double yellow lines



Park & Stride

This map indicates a 5 minute walking zone and a 10 minute walking zone. Please consider this option to avoid congestion around school.



Let's start the year as we mean to go on - safely and considerately.

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CALLING ALL PARENTS/CARERS!

*HAVE YOU BEEN SUPPORTED BY SERVICES?
DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY SHAPING SUPPORT
SERVICES FOR FAMILIES?*



TOGETHER WE CAN

Children's social care are transforming to implement the national Family First Partnership reforms and we need your help!

Share your experiences, ideas and feedback to help shape services.

One-off phone call or
Join our Parent Consultation Group
Led by Helen Smith –Head of Service Social Care
Delivery Transformation Lead.

Email: hsmith@hillington.gov.uk

Call/Text: 07595 288063



Year group highlights
will return next week



Wishing you all
a lovely
weekend.
Mrs Penney



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