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Dear HPP Families,

As you may be aware, free breakfast clubs have recently been launched by the Department of Education (DfE) and are currently in the news. We have had several parents contact the school to ask when the free breakfast clubs will begin at HPP. Below is some further information:

In order to support the introduction of breakfast clubs the government needs to change legislation, as well as provide a significant amount of government investment, to ensure it is successful. As a result, the DfE is implementing this rollout in phased waves to ensure schools have the infrastructure and staffing to cope.

I have detailed the national rollout timeline below:

- April 2025 – March 2026 (Completed Test Phase): The scheme launched with an initial 750 early adopter schools to establish best practices.
- April 2026 – March 2027 (Current Phase): The DfE launched the live national rollout by onboarding 500 new schools in April 2026. An additional 1,500 schools are scheduled to join by September 2026, bringing the total to 2,250 participating schools. Priority is heavily directed toward schools with a 40% or higher free school meal (FSM) rate.
- 2028 Long-Term Target: The government's core manifesto commitment aims to scale the initiative up to approximately 17,000 state-funded primary schools across England. The Children's Wellbeing Bill provides the statutory backing to eventually mandate and fund this across all settings.

As you can see, schools are being invited to join in phases with the current priority being for schools with over 40% of free school meals. It is likely that HPP will offer this, when invited, in 2028.

School leaders and governors are currently looking at the scheme and what it may look like at HPP but it will not be in place this coming year.

We continue to work closely with the four providers of pre and post school provision in the local area who are currently offering this service. Please click [here](#) for details of these providers.

Kind regards



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