

Secondary School Catering: Have Your Say

We are inviting you to have your say on school meals as part of a review the Council is undertaking looking at all its catering services.

By taking part you can help make sure the views of parents and carers are considered when identifying the way forward for catering provision in schools.

No decisions have been made at this stage. Information gathered in this survey will influence the options put forward for the future. The Council is also gathering views through other activities, and comparisons done with other parts of the public and private sector.

If you require any further information about this survey or require an alternative format please email Andrew.Hopkins@swansea.gov.uk or Kathryn.Phillips@swansea.gov.uk

Which Secondary School do your children attend in City and County of Swansea?

1 (0.9%)	Birchgrove Comprehensive School	6 (5.3%)	Olchfa School
3 (2.7%)	Bishop Gore Comprehensive School	1 (0.9%)	Pentrehafod School
0 (0.0%)	Bishopston Comprehensive School	61 (54.0%)	Penyrheol Comprehensive School
3 (2.7%)	Cefn Hengoed Community School	3 (2.7%)	Pontarddulais Comprehensive School
1 (0.9%)	Dylan Thomas Community School	7 (6.2%)	Bishop Vaughan Catholic Comprehensive School
2 (1.8%)	Gowerton School	17 (15.0%)	Ysgol Gyfun Bryn Tawe
4 (3.5%)	Morryston Comprehensive School	4 (3.5%)	Ysgol Gyfun Gwyr

How many children do you have attending this school?

80 (70.8%)	1	0 (0.0%)	5
32 (28.3%)	2	0 (0.0%)	6
1 (0.9%)	3	0 (0.0%)	7 or more
0 (0.0%)	4		

Are you entitled to Free School Meals?

14 (12.5%) Yes
98 (87.5%) No

If yes, do you choose to take up the Free School Meal benefit?

9 (34.6%) Yes
17 (65.4%) No

What arrangements do you make for your child's food in school?

9 (8.2%) They take food into school from home
65 (59.1%) I give money to my child to buy food in school
0 (0.0%) I give money to my child to buy food outside school
36 (32.7%) Combination of the above

Thinking about your answer to the above, why do you make this choice?

69 (100.0%)

If you give your child money, how much do you give per day (please give the amount per child)?

1 (1.0%) Under £1 30 (28.8%) £3 - £4

11 (10.6%) £1 - £2
57 (54.8%) £2 - £3

5 (4.8%) More than £4

How informed do you feel about the school meals service?

4 (3.6%) Very informed
36 (32.1%) Fairly informed
25 (22.3%) Fairly uninformed
47 (42.0%) Very uninformed

If you feel uninformed, please tell us why

50 (100.0%)

Where do you get your information about the school meals service?

18 (20.9%) School Website
6 (7.0%) Council Website
1 (1.2%) School Facebook page
0 (0.0%) Council Facebook page
21 (24.4%) Leaflets/letters given out by School
10 (11.6%) Other parents
40 (46.5%) Other (please write in)
51 (100.0%)

How often have you been contacted regarding School meals by...?

	Never	Once, when my child started school	At the start of each school year	At the start of each term	Other (please specify)
School	58 (52.3%)	33 (29.7%)	13 (11.7%)	3 (2.7%)	7 (6.3%)
City and County of Swansea	78 (87.6%)	8 (9.0%)	2 (2.2%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (1.1%)
	11 (100.0%)				

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement about School meals?

	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't Know	Not applicable
School meals provision at the school are good value for money	13 (11.4%)	51 (44.7%)	15 (13.2%)	22 (19.3%)	12 (10.5%)	1 (0.9%)
There is a good choice and variety of meals provided	9 (7.9%)	40 (35.1%)	23 (20.2%)	22 (19.3%)	20 (17.5%)	0 (0.0%)
The food offered is of a good standard and quality	11 (9.6%)	44 (38.6%)	22 (19.3%)	8 (7.0%)	29 (25.4%)	0 (0.0%)
My child enjoys the food in school	10 (8.8%)	52 (45.6%)	28 (24.6%)	18 (15.8%)	4 (3.5%)	2 (1.8%)

If you disagree with any of the above please explain why?

51 (100.0%)

What do you like best about the current school meals service?

71 (100.0%)

How do you think the school meals service can be improved?

89 (100.0%)