

School Food Plan

Following on from a brief introduction to the School Food Plan and specifically the 'Increase Your School Meal Take Up' project at the Derby City Healthy Schools Network I am sending you all more information about the project.

The film we showed is downloadable from the School Food Plan homepage <http://www.schoolfoodplan.com/film/> - please use it.

The new food standards can be found at this link <http://www.schoolfoodplan.com/standards/> - along with loads of other resources.

Applications now open for **FREE tailored support packages** to support school meal take up.

What is 'Increase Your School Meal Take Up' about?

- It is a fully funded scheme from the Department for Education to boost take up of school meals.
- It brings together the school community from school leaders, cooks and students to develop fresh ideas around school meals.
- The Food for Life Partnership is a national delivery partner and we will work with you to develop a support package that meets your needs. It can also help you with inspections from Ofsted - the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills.

Where has it come from?

- The independent School Food Plan report highlighted that the key to a viable school meals service is not reducing food costs but increasing overall take up so that money goes further.
- The Department for Education responded to this action with £4.8m of funding nationally.
- This funding is only available for a limited time; it is still available to your school if you enroll as soon as possible.

Why does my school need this?

- Ofsted will be including healthy eating and evidence of a positive food culture as part of its inspection framework from September 2015 – this programme will equip your school with ideas, clear actions and evidence needed for Ofsted.
- We will work with your school to develop a support package that meets your needs whether you feel your school just needs some fresh ideas or you are just starting out on your journey to Michelin standard school meals!

What does 'success' look like?

- Schools have shown success through a 'whole school approach' led by the head teacher to engage staff, caterers, pupils and governors.

- Children and teenagers know best how to 'pitch' your marketing to their school friends.
- Pupil engagement is key in the creation of a joint action plan, making improvements to the dining environment and to getting your message heard.

The benefits for pupils' learning

- Ensuring pupils get a healthy well balanced meal has the potential to kickstart a process of improving behaviour, attainment and attendance at the same time.

If you are a junior or secondary school we can help

- A fully funded support package to meet your needs ranging from training and support for school leaders, caterers and school cooks, practical resources to a tailored action plan and support from the Food For Life Partnership specialist regional staff.

All junior, middle, secondary, PRUs and special schools – including academies and free schools, will qualify for support.

Visit www.foodforlife.org.uk/takeup to get started or if you would like to speak to a member of the team in your region, please contact Tom Bridge tbridge@soilassociation.org

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