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LACA National Chair

Continue with the messaging for England focussing on the differences in funding, so that there is consistency across all four UK nations along with the ringfencing of funding

Use every opportunity to promote the great work that is being achieved by school caterers across the UK and ensure that LACA is the “go to” organisation for all things school food



Objectives 2024 - 2025

Provide expertise to the DfE with the design of the planned free breakfast provision for primary schools in England

Continue the focus on extending benefit based Free School Meals to all families on Universal Credit and exploring auto enrolment



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Regional Events:

- Yorkshire and Humberside Awards
- Yorkshire and Humberside Regional Meeting
- South West Regional Meeting
- London and South East Regional Meeting
- West Midlands Regional Meeting
- North West Regional Meeting
- East of England (June 2025)



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LACA Ambassadors



Nadim Ednan-Laperouse OBE



Tanya Ednan-Laperouse OBE



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Breakfasts

- The Labour government has committed to offering a free breakfast club in every primary age pupil in England.
- This will build on the national wraparound childcare programme and the national school breakfast programme currently used by 2,700 schools.
- Schools have been invited to apply for the Early Adopter scheme where up to 750 state-funded schools will test and learn what works ahead of national rollout. Early adopter schools were confirmed during February and the scheme will launch in the summer term (April 2025).
- DfE will also work with the sector, including local authorities and childcare providers, businesses and charities to consider the best approaches to delivering breakfast clubs in schools.
- LACA National Chair invited by DfE to join Primary Aged Childcare Steering Group. Purpose of the Steering Group is to provide a forum for the department and key sector stakeholders to focus on the government's strategic approach to primary aged childcare and system level challenges and solutions for wraparound programme, the breakfast clubs programme and the HAF programme.



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Breakfast Delivery Costings - Food

LACA were asked to fully cost a typical breakfast using the LACA guidance document

Ingredient costs (using the main 4 food groups)

Bread	£1.54 (average 12 slices) = £0.13
Butter	£2.16 KG (average 25g pp) = £0.06
Jam portion	£0.08
Juice	£0.67 per litre (average 200ml portion) £0.13
Cereal – Cornflakes	£0.49 per 500g (average 125g pp) £0.12
Milk	£0.99 per litre (average 200 ml pp) £0.20
Total food cost	£0.72
Add 10% consumable cost (disposables, washing up etc)	£0.07
Total food cost	£0.79 per pupil

Breakfast delivery costings: Labour

Labour Costs

£12.50 ph + 19% on cost (pension, sick pay etc)

Working on assumption of average 50 breakfasts served per day
2 members of catering staff per day for 2 hours each (4 hours total)

4.00 hours x £14.88

Serving 50 breakfasts during that 4 hours equates to

£14.88 ph

£59.52

£1.19 per breakfast

Total labour Cost

£1.19

Total food cost

£0.79

Combined food and labour cost

£1.98 per breakfast

NB: Excludes any capital or light equipment purchases

Breakfast delivery costings: Summary

Assuming nationally there is a 27% take up of breakfasts (based on Wales actual average):

School population of students in England aged between 4-16 = 8,890,357, therefore divide this figure by 12 (total years between reception and year 11) and multiply by 7 to reach the number of 4–11-year-olds – 5.2m

- **5.2 m 4–11-year-old pupils, working on average of 27% take up equates to 1.4m breakfasts served daily**
- **1.4m breakfasts multiplied by 190 academic days equates to 266.8m breakfasts served**
- **266.8m multiplied by £1.98 equates to a **total breakfast delivery cost of £528m per annum****

NB: Excludes any impact of services already being provided, and the cost above could be higher if uptake is > 27%.

Excludes any related school costs ie supervision, dining room access/school access/cleaning etc.



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Sample Breakfast Menus

Sample menu 1:

1 Weetabix & 100ml milk - £0.20
1 Crumpet, butter, jam... £0.21
Satsuma/clementine...£0.18
Water - Nil (Tap)

Total Food Cost £0.59

Sample menu 2:

Small waffle - £0.20p
Portion berries 50g (e.g. strawberries, blueberries) - £0.57p
Yogurt 100ml - £0.23p
Water - nil (tap)

Total food cost: £1.00

Sample menu 3:

Cornflakes 25g – £0.15
Milk 100ml - £0.13
Slice Wholemeal Bloomer £0.13p
Sunflower Spread 5g - £0.01
Jam portion - £0.08
Banana - £0.30
Water – nil (tap)

Total food cost - £0.80

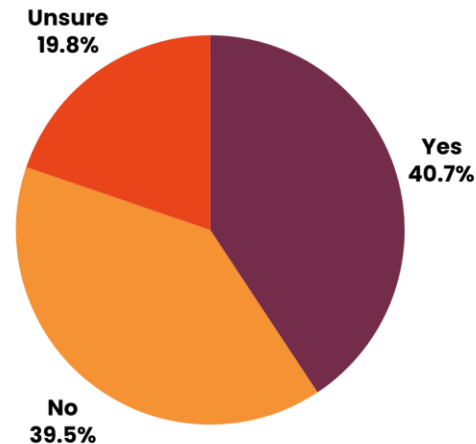
**Average food cost across menus:
£0.80 per pupil**

Breakfast Considerations



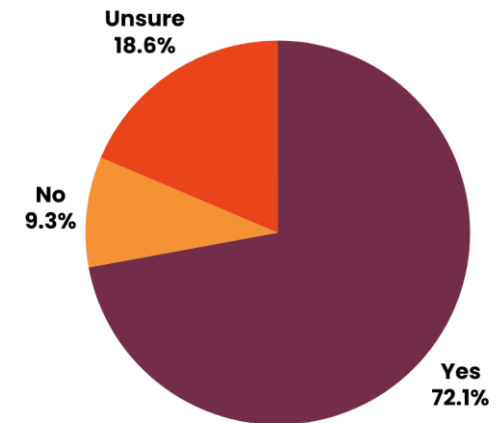
LACA Breakfast Provision Survey July 2024

Labour's manifesto is to provide a universal breakfast provision; do you agree with that?



LACA Breakfast Provision Survey July 2024

If there is an option to divert some of the breakfast provision funding to support the levelling up of FSM funding would you support that?



Breakfast Guidance and Funding

- Early adopter schools announced 16 January 2025. Schools to confirm their participation to DFE by 30 January 2025
- Early adopters schools list 24 February 2025
- Rationale for selecting schools to be published at a later date, but includes geography, FSM, school size and existing provision

[Breakfast clubs early adopter guidance for schools and trusts in England - GOV.UK](#)

[Breakfast club early adopters grant: 2024 to 2025 academic year - GOV.UK](#)

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Our current position.....

- **Funding**

Not aligned with the real costs of provision, due to increases in food and labour.
Funding not ringfenced. Cost of a School Lunch Report.

- **National Insurance**

‘Double hit’ for providers with increased costs for their own staff, as well as suppliers passing on increased costs.

- **Pay Awards**

Annual increases to NLW, Foundation Living Wage and NJC Pay Award

- **Breakfasts**

Uncertainty regarding arrangements. What will the impact be on school lunch provision

- **Cost of Living Pressures**

Impact on families and children, if standards decline and service becomes inadequate

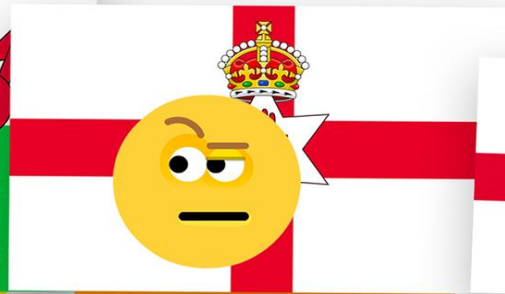
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SCOTLAND
£3.33



WALES
£3.20



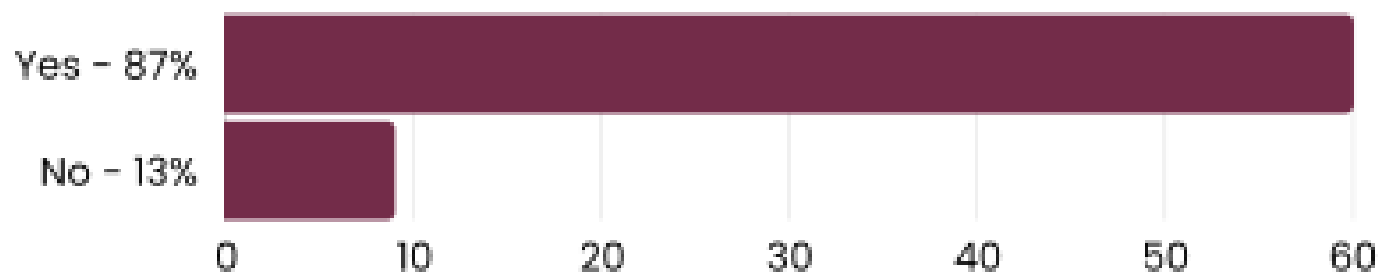
N. IRELAND
£2.60



ENGLAND
£2.58

Meal Funding

Do you believe a figure between £3.00 and £3.20 is more realistic in today's market for a two-course lunch?



If not (England) - what do you feel is realistic?

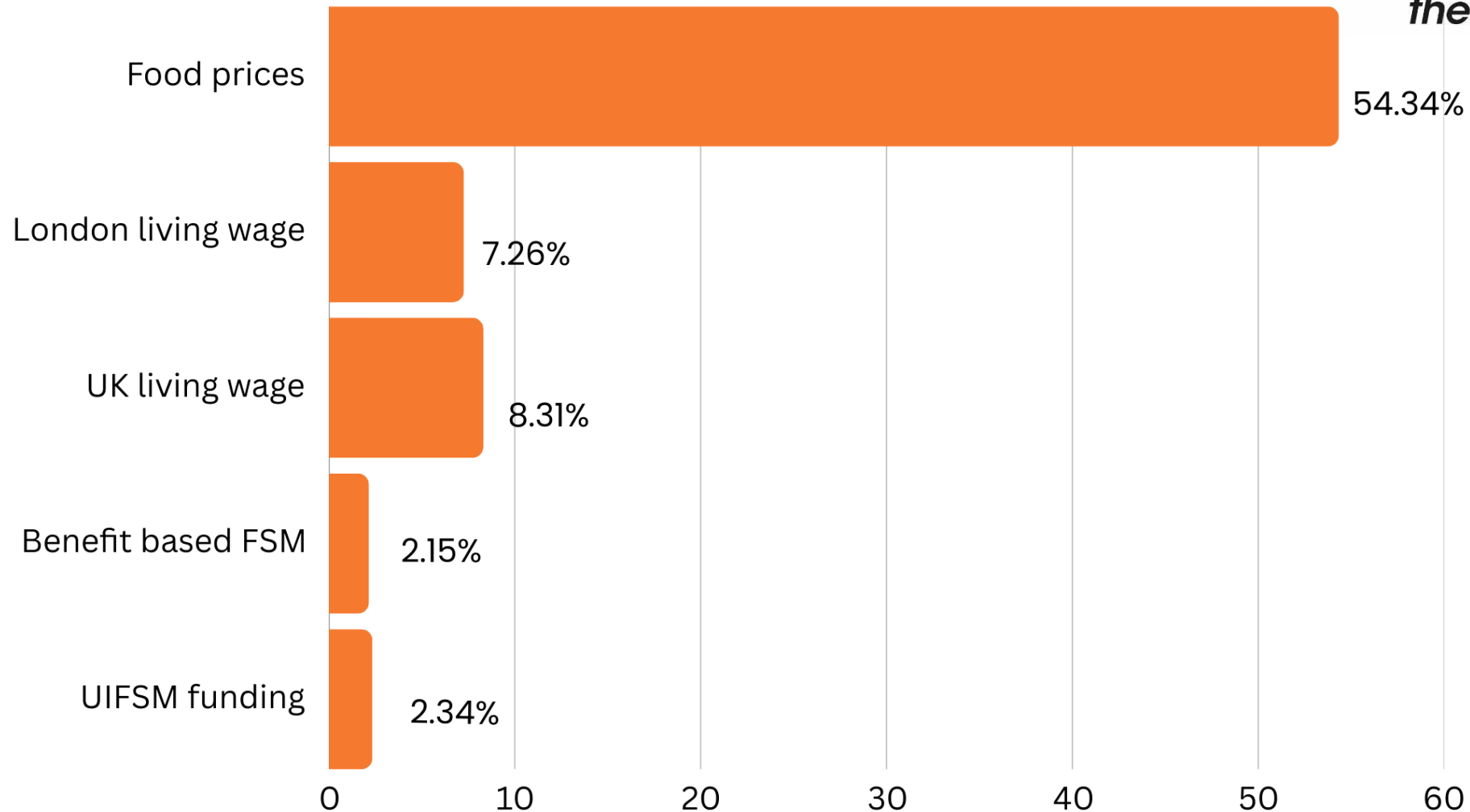
The average figure given by respondents was.....



5-year average increases:



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School Visits

- Earlham Primary, Newham 13 March 2025 Hosted by The Pantry
- Westwood Academy, Coventry 24 March 2025 Hosted by IFG
- Pimlico Academy, London 27 March 2025 Hosted by IFG

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Wales Update: Welsh Government Funded Projects



- Castell Howell - Authentic Cuisine and Celtica Foods
- Food Sense Wales - Welsh Veg in Schools
- Social Farms and Gardens - Future Farms
- Cookalong Clwb
- BIC Innovation - Increasing Welsh Food
- Cardiff Council - Cardiff Food Hour
- Carmarthenshire Council - Wellbeing of Future Generations menu development and School Meals Pilot

Wales Update:

Review of The Healthy Eating in Schools (Nutritional Standards and Requirements) (Wales) Regulations 2013



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- Proposals have been developed through collaboration with Public Health Wales, the WLGA and wider task and finish group members – this group included Local Authority caterers.
- Draft proposals for Primary Schools have been sent out to local authorities. Series of meetings held with LAs for feedback. Secondary school proposals have been paused to ensure focus on Primary school proposals.
- Primary Regulations to progress this Senedd term
- Public consultation planned for May to July – gather views and inform next steps (children's version)
- Draft Statutory Guidance to accompany primary proposals
- Work in partnership to develop a programme of implementation support
- Welsh Government will also be holding a supply chain engagement workshop session



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The Great School Lunch, Senedd, Cardiff
12 March 2025

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08 July – 09 July 2025



BOOK PLACES



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Questions ?



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