

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

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Report of Corporate Director for People
to
People Scrutiny Committee

on
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Universal Infant Free School Meals
Executive Councillor: Councillor Mrs Anne Jones
A Part 1 (Public) Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To update members on schools meeting the requirement for providing Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) at the beginning September 2014.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the report be noted.

3. Background

- 3.1 People Scrutiny received a report on 8th April 2014 outlining the progress of schools in meeting the requirement for providing UIFSM from September 2014.
- 3.2 The capital allocation of £389,000 has been allocated to 19 maintained schools providing a variety of new equipment and extensions to dining spaces or kitchens.

4. Progress to Date

- 4.1 All schools that have infant aged pupils are providing UIFSM from the start of term in September, this includes: 21 maintained infant and primary schools; 3 academy primary schools; 5 voluntary aided schools and 2 special schools.
- 4.2 Hot and cold food is offered at 20 schools, 9 are serving hot food only and 2 schools are providing cold meals only. The majority of schools provide meals in house with 8 schools using a catering service or get meals in from elsewhere. Details of individual schools are given in Appendix 1.
- 4.3 All schools have seen an increase in the number of infant pupils having a school lunch and the take up of UIFSM averages around 70%. Many schools however report that their reception classes have not yet started full-time and

that the numbers are expected to increase. Some schools have seen a slight increase in the number of junior aged pupils taking a meal.

5. Corporate Implications

5.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities

Research has shown that a nutritious meal at lunchtime helps to improve concentration and performance in the classroom. The provision of free school meals to infant pupils allows pupils within the Borough to access to quality learning opportunities to achieve the best possible outcomes for all children.

5.2 Financial Implications

The additional revenue costs are met through specific DfE grant for UIFSM. Capital has been provided through grant as outlined in paragraph 3.2 and through the capital programme for the expanded schools.

5.3 Legal Implications.

The Children and Families Bill places a legal duty on state-funded schools in England to offer a free school lunch to all pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2.

5.4 People Implications

None

5.5 Property Implications

None.

5.6 Consultation

None

5.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications

None

5.8 Risk Assessment

None

5.9 Value for Money

None

5.10 Community Safety Implications

None envisaged.

5.11 Environmental Impact

None envisaged.

6. Background Papers

6.1 None

7. Appendices

7.1 Individual School UIFSM Arrangements

Individual School UIFSM Arrangements

Appendix 1

	Status	Hot & cold	Hot only	Cold only	How provided	Infant Pupil Number	% Take up
Barons Court	M		✓		In house	92	60
Blenheim	M	✓			In house	265	50
Bournemouth Park	M	✓			In house	238	40
Bournes Green Infant	M			✓	Caterers	182	98
Chalkwell Hall Infant	M	✓			In house	315	75
Darlinghurst	A	✓			Caterers	344	64
Earls Hall Infant	M	✓			In house	270	56
Eastwood Primary	M	✓			In house	143	70
Edwards Hall Primary	M	✓			Caterers	175	75
Fairways Primary	M	✓			In house	180	67
Friars Primary	M	✓			In house	179	60
Hamstel Infant	M		✓		Caterers	420	99
Heycroft Primary	M		✓		Caterers	180	66
Hinguar Primary	M		✓		In house	90	75
Kingsdown	SM	✓			Caterers	30	68
Leigh Infant	M	✓			In house	271	72
Milton Hall Primary	M	✓			In house	270	70
Our Lady of Lourdes Primary	VA		✓		Caterers	91	87
Porters Grange Primary	M		✓		In house	208	68
Prince Ave	A	✓			In house	170	50
Richmond Ave Primary	M	✓			In house	180	70
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary	VA	✓			In house	90	90
St George's Catholic Primary	VA			✓	Caterers	91	90
St Helen's Catholic Primary	VA		✓		In house	90	93

St Mary's C of E Primary		✓			In house	150	63
Temple Sutton Primary	M	✓			In house	360	95
The St Christopher	SA	✓			In house	60	90
The Westborough	A	✓			In house	262	78
Thorpe Greenways Infant	M	✓			In house	360	50
Thorpedene Primary	M		✓		In house	260	75
West Leigh Infant	M		✓		In house	360	55