School meal survey - February 2024 (Parents)

Summary of responses

74% of all children have meals on most days

7% of children eligible for universal meals rarely have a meal

14% of children not eligible for universal meals rarely have a meal

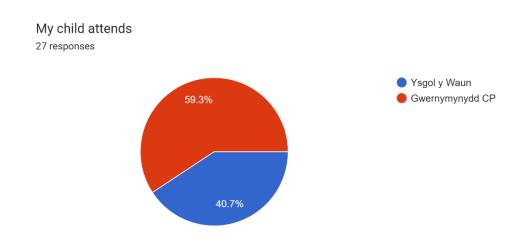
Favourite meals include burger, pasta pot, chicken nuggets, roast and calzone, least favourite meals are fish based.

Over half the children use the salad bar regularly with lots of positive feedback.

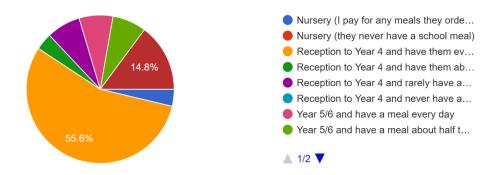
Just under half the children use the yogurt bar regularly, and positive feedback on the selection but a few queries of the yogurt, including no alternative options for those who are dairy intolerant.

Other possible options for future include pie, chilli, fajitas, lasagne and noodles.

Concerns over size of portion as some children are saying they are still hungry.

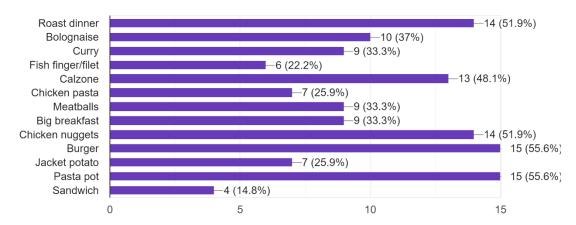


Which year group are they and what meal uptake do they have currently? 27 responses

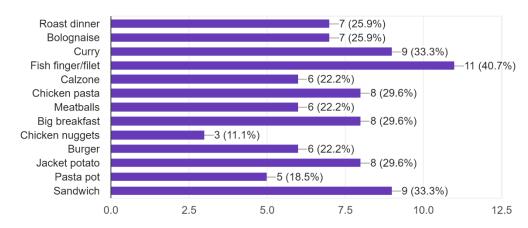


Y5/6 and have rarely is the 14.8% (4 pupils)

Which meals does your child say they enjoy the most? (please tick all that apply) 27 responses

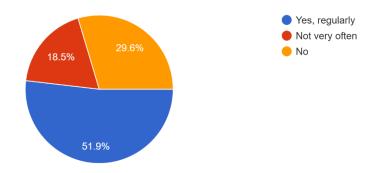


Which meals does your child say they enjoy the least? (please tick all that apply) 27 responses



Does your child say they use the salad bar?

27 responses



What do they think about the salad bar?27 responses

Like the salad bar and selections

They love it

Good

Love it but are really restricted on how much they can have

Really generous of them. So the staff/teachers don't have to take it to each child. And it's really nice

Likes helping himself

5/10

No comment

Very good

Not at all interested

This and the yogurt bar are great

Love the different options

They love it and it's a great idea

Never mentioned it.

It's a good idea

My child would need encouragement to use the salad bar

Enjoy it

There could be more of it

Good idea but he doesn't eat salad

Na

It's healthy. Pick your own. Lots of choice.

Likes it

I like it very much! It's a nice add on

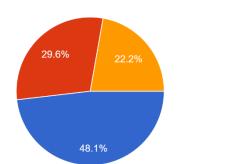
Really yummy.

Not used, has school meals on Friday only

She likes it but doesn't eat veg unless pushed

My child isn't keen on salad produce, she will try but wouldn't naturally select it.

Does your child say they use the fruit and yogurt station? 27 responses



Yes, regularlyNot very often

No

What do they think about the fruit and yogurt station?27 responses

They like it, would prefer yogurt to have more flavours (told it's bland)

They love it

Good

Like the choices available

Really nice,

Doesn't like yoghurt

I would rather have a proper pudding or brownies.

Can't eat yogurt

Would like a wider variety of yogurt flavours.

Fruit and some yogurt

Excellent

Doesn't like the yoghurt but likes the different fruit options

They think amazing

Never mentioned it.

Good idea

They like it

Fruit compote

Loves the yoghurt and fruit compote

Great idea

Na

Don't like yogurt

Loves it

Healthy, fun and yummy

I love it and use it every time it's there.

Hasn't used it

She loves it so much I have to make one at home!

I wasn't aware of the fruit station, my child hasn't mentioned it. I would like to think she uses it.

Are there any foods you would like to see on the menu?

No 5 responses More pasta 1 response Toastie 1 response

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More variety 1 response

Pie? She loves the soup so more soups 1 response

Pizza 1 response

Chicken fillets, mild chilli con carne, gammon 1 response

Not sure 1 response

Toasties, fajitas 1 response

Beef on the roast 1 response

Happy with current choice 1 response

I know it's hard to cater for such a variance of children with different preferences, but more diverse offerings would be good other than typical 'British' food and kids meals. E.g.

noodles, other curries etc 1 response

Hot dogs and brownies. 1 response

Burritos, taco Tuesday, normal pizza. 1 response

More fish 1 response

Maybe soup? 1 response

No ideas at the moment. 1 response There is a good variety 1 response

None of it looks nice at all 1 response

Lasagne 1 response

N/a 1 response

Chinese Noodles 1 response

Do you have any comments about the food/menu?

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No 4 responses

N/a 2 responses

Nothing additional. 1 response

Big breakfast has my favourite foods 1 response

Portions are too small 1 response

Portions not huge but staff offer extra 1 response

My child seems to enjoy the food that is on offer 1 response

Sadly my child is entitled to free school meals but she doesn't like the food supplied the only time she likes is what's on a Fridays menu ie nuggets, beef burger so I've to buy food and supply her with a packed lunch! At home my child eats curry, bolognaise, roast dinners, pasta dishes but she just doesn't like the school dinners unfortunately 1 response

The burgers are really greasy and the food always runs out so some kids don't get food 1 response

It is a shame pasta pot is no longer on the menu daily 1 response

No it's all good 1 response

Bring back school onsite cooks 1 response

Less fish and pizza 1 response

Not enough food. My child comes home saying he didn't have enough food to fill him up so will be going back to packed lunches from home 1 response

It could be more varied, my child is not a fussy eater but doesn't seem to enjoy many of the foods on the menu 1 response

Good variety and seems to like them. 1 response