

## **FOI Request - School Meal Take Up - 101003171512**

### **Overview of Pupil survey results**

Total responses received 190

Responses were a mixture from most secondary schools, the highest being Forres academy and the lowest being Elgin High with no responses.

The responses were a good mixture of all year groups.

Question -are you happy with the selection of items available at break time? Yes- 124 No-72

Question- do you use the canteen service at lunchtime? Yes 51, No-78, sometimes- 72

Question- If you don't use the canteen, please tell us what do you do instead? Use shops in town- 87, packed Lunch- 31, Go home- 7, Mixture of all the answers- 21 Other-17

Question- if you go to the shops in town, what do you buy to eat? Most popular answers are- sausage rolls and fizzy drink, sweets and chocolate, monster drink, meal deals, hot dogs, chips, pies.

Question- if you bring a packed lunch what do you bring to eat and why? Most popular answers are- Sandwiches, crisps, salad, chocolate bars. The reason why -most popular answers are- food intolerances, easier, no queues, don't know what is on the menu

Question- what type of food would you like to be available at your school? Most popular answers are- Sausage rolls, pies, more chips, Gluten free options, chocolate, pizza, more vegan options, less vegan options, doughnuts, more junk food, items not overcooked.

Question- are you aware of what is on the menu and how you can purchase these items- Yes- 144, No-33, Other-29.

Question- What do you think the best way for the catering department to communicate the menu to you? – MS Teams-54, Daily Notices-43, Menu Boards-57, Others 36

Question How important is climate change to you? Very Important- 190

Question would you like to be told what the catering team have done to help the climate change situation? Yes -87, No-90 Other- 24

Question what would encourage you to use the school canteen service more? Most popular answers are- more seats, more food options, ask what portion size you would like, Gluten free options, keep staggered lunches so S1-3 are in a different time to S4-6, Catering staff to be more approachable, if we can do what we want in there, better food and cheaper, no more soggy pasta.

The catering department has had pupil focus group meeting with Milnes High, Buckie High, Lossiemouth High, Speyside High. Keith Grammar, Elgin High, Forres Academy and Elgin Academy had to cancel due to staff shortages due to Covid and one school felt they didn't

require it. Also any information that was gained from the focus groups has been added to our data for the action points.

All schools have been given a selection of ideas for introducing the pupils in S1-3 how the canteen works from topping up NEC cards to what is on offer. Have sent the link to the video on you tube called Up to the big school showing how the canteen and revalves work within the school. When speaking with the pupils some communication given to the school hadn't filtered to them.