

Key issues with hot meal options and low-income challenges and associated support / interventions



70%

of their families expressed concerns about meal costs



80%

of surveyed schools are going beyond educational provision to support students who may not have enough food during the day



82%

provide signposting to services



73%

reported that children who do not take hot meals often dislike the menu options



51%

support families in accessing foodbanks



These statistics illustrate just some of the additional support, interventions and roles that schools play in addressing food insecurity



Challenge is that those eligible for FSM who cannot afford hot meals at home rely on schools



Yet meals may be rejected due to menu appeal, intolerances, selective eating (E.g. SEN)



These factors potentially leave primary school children hungry.



High schools were perceived to experience greater satisfaction with their menu offerings