Parents Survey – school lunches

Dear Parent

Sunderland School Meals Service is keen to find out what you think of the school meals provided for your child / children.

The information you provide will help us to continue to improve the service so that your child / children get the very best. Thank you for your time.

1. Does your child / children eat a school lunch?
   □ Yes             □ No
   a. If Yes name the main reason(s) why

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   b. If No name the main reason(s) why

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2. Is your child / children entitled to free school meals?
   □ Yes             □ No             □ Don’t know

   If Yes – do you take up that entitlement?
   □ Yes             □ No

   If you do not take up the entitlement to free school meals – please say why?

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3. When was the last time that you had an opportunity to eat a school meal?
   a. Within the last year □
   b. Within the last 5 years □
   c. Between 5 and 10 years ago □
   d. More than 10 years ago □
4. Would you like an opportunity to try school meals?
   □ Yes  □ No

5. Is your child / children’s school menu sent home?
   □ Yes  □ No

   If Yes – how useful is this? (circle 1-5)
   5 = very useful  1 = not useful
   □ 5  □ 4  □ 3  □ 2  □ 1

6. Do you have any concerns about the food that your child / children are eating in school?
   □ Yes  □ No

   If Yes – what are they?
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   __________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________

7. If you could change one thing about school food what would it be?
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   __________________________________________________________

8. Does your child / children talk to you about their school’s lunches?
   □ Yes  □ No

   If Yes – are their comments generally positive? (circle 1 to 5)
   5 = very positive  1 = quite negative
   □ 5  □ 4  □ 3  □ 2  □ 1

9. Do you think your child / children’s school lunches are value for money?
   □ Yes  □ No  □ Don’t know

10. If the school were to offer you more information on school food how would you like to be consulted?
    Survey □
    Invited to school □
    Leaflet □
    Parents Evening □
    Other □
11. Do you think your child / children have a long enough lunchtime?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

12. New Governmental standards have been introduced to improve the quality of school food. Does this make you more likely to encourage your child / children to eat school lunch? (circle 1 to 5)

5 = very likely  1 = not at all likely

☐ 5  ☐ 4  ☐ 3  ☐ 2  ☐ 1

13. How important do you think it is for your child / children to eat a school lunch? (circle 1 to 5)

5 = very important  1 = not important

☐ 5  ☐ 4  ☐ 3  ☐ 2  ☐ 1

14. If your child / children are not eating a school lunch are there any cultural / religious reasons influencing your decision to encourage your children not to eat school lunch?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

If Yes – please say why

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__________________________________________________________________________

15. Do you think your child’s / children’s attitude to eating school lunch has changed for the better over the last 12 months?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

16. Have you made any changes to the food you serve at home as a result of information that your child / children has brought home about healthy school meals?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

If Yes – please tell us what changes you have made

__________________________________________________________________________
17. Do you have any further comments to make about the School Meals Service in Sunderland?

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Thank you for taking the time to fill out this questionnaire.

If you would like feedback from your comments, further information on the School Meals Service or are interested in helping develop school meals in Sunderland by joining a Parents Menu Development Group, please complete your contact details below.

Name  
________________________________________

School your child / children attend  
________________________________________

Address  
________________________________________  
________________________________________  
________________________________________  

Contact number  
________________________________________

Email  
________________________________________

What information would you like?  
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Please return this questionnaire to:

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