

Jeremy Miles MS
Minister for Education and Welsh Language

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Free School Meals

Dear Jeremy

At our on 14 September we noted email correspondence from nine national children's charities expressing their concerns that the free school meals programme during the school summer holiday would not be running.

We understand that some local authorities did run some form of holiday food programme, and would like to know exactly what programmes did run over the summer holiday period, and the levels of participation.

As you will be aware, in our report on the 2023/24 Draft Budget we recommended that the free school meals programme should be guaranteed throughout the 2023/24 budget period, up to and including the February 2024 school holiday. As costs of living pressures continue to bite on families across Wales, it is concerning that one of the actions taken to help with these issues was stopped so closely to the summer holidays.

We would appreciate a response by 6 December.

Yours sincerely,

Jayne Bryant



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Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.