

## P-04-518 Universal Free School Lunches

Petition wording:

**We the undersigned call on the Welsh Government to introduce a free hot lunch scheme for all children in reception, year 1 and year 2.**

**Additional Information:**

**A number of studies have shown that hunger affects concentration, and that children who are well nourished perform better at school. Extending free school meals will also help families meet the cost of living as it has been estimated that the average school meal costs parents £437 per year for each child. The UK Government has announced that all five-to-seven year-old pupils in English state schools will receive free school meals. We believe the Welsh Government should do likewise.**

Petition raised by: **Jane Dodds**

Date petition first considered by Committee: **26 November 2013**

Number of signatures: **14**