

Addysg a Chymorth i Deuluoedd/Education and Family Support

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Dear parent/carer/pupil

Free school meal survey

At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the local authority identified that the best way to support pupils eligible for free school meals (eFSM) was to provide a delivered food parcel. This approach has supported the 'stay at home' message from Welsh Government.

At the outset of the pandemic, there was also some difficulty accessing staple foods, such as bread and pasta and there was evidence of families making multiple trips to various shops to source these items. The inclusion of these staple foods in the local authority's eFSM food parcel meant that there has been less need for many families, especially those without access to private transport, to make frequent journeys to local shops. Furthermore, the inclusion of useful recipe cards to accompany the food parcels has helped pupils learn to prepare their own meals and to develop important 'life skills'.

Welsh Government has recently commitment to extending the provision for free school meals during school holiday periods up to April 2022. Therefore, the local authority is now seeking your views on the current food parcel provision. An online survey is now live and will close on 26 March 2021. Please refer to the links below.

[Parents/carers survey](#)

[Children and young people survey](#)

Responses are invited from parents/carers and pupils. The survey should take no more than five minutes to complete and your responses will help determine the local authority's future provision for pupils eligible for free school meals.

With my thanks for your ongoing support



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