

**RESPONDENT INFORMATION FORM:
A CONSULTATION ON THE SCHOOLS (NUTRITION AND
HEALTH
PROMOTION) (SCOTLAND) BILL**

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Yes

No

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

1. Do you agree that local authorities should be under a duty to ensure that food and drinks which they provide in their schools, including nurseries, meet defined nutrient standards?

Yes No

Comment (add separately if required)

2. Where children are attending independent schools, and where the provision of food and drinks are arranged or funded, by a local authority, should the food and drinks meet defined nutrient standards?

Yes No

Comment (add separately if required)

This is a good idea to ensure uniformity throughout the area. There is however, a struggle to get good, fresh produce at the moment

3. Should local authorities be under a duty to promote uptake of school meals in their schools, including free school meals?

Yes No

Comment (add separately if required)

The responsibility currently mainly lies within catering, there is only so much that catering can do. Needs to be a whole school approach, i.e. schools need to get more involved in this than they are at the moment. Must be acknowledged that authorities are already at capacity in some schools in terms of availability to provide meals. We do have limitations with regards to staff, dining room capacity and funding.

4. Should local authorities be under a duty to ensure that those taking free school meals can do so anonymously, as far as is practicable?

Yes No

Comment (add separately if required)

Achieved within our authority in Academies. A system is in place in Primary schools, however, the running of the system is dependent on how the school operates it, within their establishment once the tickets arrive there and unfortunately every school is different. There is an issue surrounding the low number taking free school meals even when they are provided anonymously.

5. Should local authorities have the power to provide children in local authority schools with free drinks, fruit, vegetables, bread or cereal based snacks, which meet defined nutrient standards?

Yes No

Comment (add separately if required)

Do you mean free or at a charge in this question, as that is how it is written throughout the bill?

It is felt that this is a good idea, however, if these are free, who will fund this in terms of supplies, staffing and transport? And who will supervise this? Authorities should also have the power to impose a charge as stated in paragraph 35 of the bill. Education funded breakfasts would be a good idea.

6. Should there be a duty on Scottish Ministers and local authorities to endeavour to ensure that all local authority schools are health promoting schools?

Yes No

Comment (add separately if required)

In favour of keeping the terminology 'Health Promoting Schools' rather than 'Health Promoting Environments'.

7. Any other comments? (add separately if required)

- There is a strong focus in the Bill on Nutrition – there is more to health promotion than nutrition, i.e. alcohol, drugs etc.
- Supervision in dining rooms, especially in Secondary schools is a problem. Teachers are not required under the terms of their contract to supervise canteens. No alternative provision is made. Pupils are put off coming to canteens if they see them as unsafe.
- Although Secondary Schools have changed menus to reflect the recommendations of Hungry for Success, this has resulted in a fall in meal uptake. How to keep pupils in school for lunch