



**Silsden Primary
School**

9th July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank You for Completing the School Meal Survey

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all families who took the time to complete our recent **school meal survey**.

Your feedback is incredibly valuable and helps us to better understand how pupils and families feel about our current meal provision.

We have reviewed your responses and are pleased that:

- over 80% are satisfied with the quality of our school meals
- 72% judged our variety of the school menu as good or excellent
- 85% felt that we catered appropriately for your child's dietary needs

A common improvement theme related to portion sizes and I would just like to take this opportunity to highlight that portion sizes are set by the food standards agency – these specifically relate to the portion size of starchy foods such as potato, pasta and rice, meat and dairy foods.

Food standards also differentiate portion sizes for 4-6 years and 7-10 year old children and portion sizes are adjusted accordingly for KS1 and KS2

We have been carefully reviewing your suggestions for how we can improve our school meal service and we will be introducing the following changes with immediate effect:

- Vegetables and salad are already on the tables. With immediate effect we will be adding sliced bread or plain pasta for all children to help themselves so they can add some bread or pasta to their plates if they still feel hungry.
- We will ensure that there are sufficient pudding portions available for all children. Fruit is already available if they are not keen on the pudding choice and this will continue.

Our Autumn Term menu has been reviewed, following your feedback and some changes have been made following your feedback – this will be sent out and will be available on our website from next week.



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Last week we also held a meeting with our SSCOFs (Silsden School Council of Food) Representatives who also tasted some delicious pork and apple burgers! We ran some ideas passed them for our September menu and sought their opinions on some ideas for our new menu

A brand new “winter” menu will be launched in Autumn Term 2 and we will be looking for your feedback on Parents Evening on some of our new dishes.

We are committed to providing meals that are nutritious, inclusive, and enjoyed by the children—and your input plays a vital part in shaping that.

If you have any feedback or ideas of how we can improve our dining experience, please do get in touch

Thank you again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr K S Russell
Headteacher