

SCHOOL DINNER QUESTIONNAIRE

RESULTS

KEY (According to Phil!)



Statistics are pleasing



Statistics are a concern and this topic needs to be looked at for further improvements



Statistics are a major concern and needs to be looked into further and changed as soon as possible.

words in bold represent a very common suggestion given by more than 4 children

Things to consider

- Some children might not have fully understood the question
- A small minority of children have packed lunch although still answered the questionnaire
- Some children were absent from school so not ALL children took part.
 - Only children from Years 2-6 were questioned.

YEAR 2 RESULTS

Question	Agree	Not sure	Disagree
1. Likes the improvements	79%	17%	4%
2. Enjoys school dinners	79%	15%	4%
3. Happy with variety of desserts	86%	6%	8%
4. Would like seasoning on salad	31%	22%	47%
5. Would like international foods	60%	19%	21%
6. Feel the portions are big enough	70%	10%	20%
7. Feel the food that is written on the menu is same as what is being offered	74%	13%	13%
8. Would like to be asked what they want to eat	77%	7%	16%

YEAR 3 RESULTS

Question	Agree	Not sure	Disagree
1. Likes the improvements	70%	19%	11%
2. Enjoys school dinners	51%	14%	35%
3. Happy with variety of desserts	94%	3%	3%
4. Would like seasoning on salad	56%	6%	38%
5. Would like international foods	71%	4%	24%
6. Feel the portions are big enough	68%	10%	22%
7. Feel the food that is written on the menu is same as what is being offered	38%	24%	38%
8. Would like to be asked what they want to eat	66%	6%	28%
9. Suggestions that are not already on the menu	Crisps, ice lollies, flapjack, pancakes, spaghetti, chips, hot dogs , smoothies		
10. Other comments made by pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some of the food is super tasty! • Why do we have the menu when the food isn't the same? 		

YEAR 4 RESULTS

Question	Agree	Not sure	Disagree
1. Likes the improvements	65%	21%	11%
2. Enjoys school dinners	51%	24%	24%
3. Happy with variety of desserts	78%	16%	6%
4. Would like seasoning on salad	41%	16%	43%
5. Would like international foods	88%	6%	6%
6. Feel the portions are big enough	49%	32%	19%
7. Feel the food that is written on the menu is same as what is being offered	24%	30%	46%
8. Would like to be asked what they want to eat	92%	6%	2%
9. Suggestions that are not already on the menu	Bubblegum ice cream, hot dogs, mango, spaghetti Bolognese, pancakes, angel delight.		
10. Other comments made by pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I would like more fried food • The food is nice 		

YEAR 5 RESULTS

Question	Agree	Not sure	Disagree
1. Likes the improvements	51%	38%	11%
2. Enjoys school dinners	23%	47%	30%
3. Happy with variety of desserts	55%	26%	19%
4. Would like seasoning on salad	35%	12%	53%
5. Would like international foods	78%	14%	8%
6. Feel the portions are big enough	47%	21%	32%
7. Feel the food that is written on the menu is same as what is being offered	17%	25%	58%
8. Would like to be asked what they want to eat	94%	6%	0
9. Suggestions that are not already on the menu	Bubblegum ice cream, carrot cake, hot dog, Jamaican food, sausage roll, fried rice, water melon		
10. Other comments made by pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I would like clean cups and cutlery • I enjoy using the cutlery • Most of the dinners are nice but some of the desserts aren't that good. • Year 4 and over should be able to serve themselves at the table • The peas and vegetables aren't that tasty • Could we have salt on the tables? 		

YEAR 6 RESULTS

Question	Agree	Not sure	Disagree
1. Likes the improvements	74%	21%	5%
2. Enjoys school dinners	28%	49%	24%
3. Happy with variety of desserts	51%	30%	19%
4. Would like seasoning on salad	42%	32%	25%
5. Would like international foods	68%	21%	11%
6. Feel the portions are big enough	44%	28%	28%
7. Feel the food that is written on the menu is same as what is being offered	24%	25%	51%
8. Would like to be asked what they want to eat	87%	6%	7%
9. Suggestions that are not already on the menu	Rice pudding, hot dogs, corn on the cob, bubblegum ice cream, chicken pie, cheesecake , flapjack, plantain, fajitas.		
10. Other comments made by pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • So far the food is good but I hope it gets better each time • The food needs to taste better because it tastes like butter • We don't get enough meat/fish • I think people should be allowed seconds if there is food left over • I really like the food • The chicken has improved dramatically • The spoons used for the cake is put in water and sometimes makes it soggy • Don't say there is no more food then the kitchen staff starts eating it! • Please could we have more African food? • Are vegan meals available? • I would like the cups, plates and cutlery to be clean • More sauces/dressings • Fruit juice instead of just water 		

OVERALL AVERAGE RESULTS FOR YEARS 2-6

Question	Agree	Not sure	Disagree
1. Likes the improvements	68%	23%	9%
2. Enjoys school dinners	46%	30%	24%
3. Happy with variety of desserts	73%	16%	11%
4. Would like seasoning on salad	41%	18%	41%
5. Would like international foods	73%	13%	14%
6. Feel the portions are big enough	56%	20%	24%
7. Feel the food that is written on the menu is same as what is being offered	35%	23%	43%
8. Would like to be asked what they want to eat	83%	6%	11%

What are the general findings and potential improvements?

- ✓ The results show that as the children get older, the majority are not enjoying the school dinners although most children in the school like the improvements.
- ✓ Although contrary to the school council's opinion, it appears that most of the children are happy with the variety of the desserts.
- ✓ There is a clear divide in the wish for seasoning on the salad suggesting that this isn't a major issue for the children.
- ✓ Almost three quarters of the children would like to see more international food on offer.
- ✓ Interestingly, most Years 3 and 4 children feel the portions are big enough for a child their age whereas a big portion of Years 4-6 do not.
- ✓ A large percentage of children would like the menu to be the same as what they are being offered.
- ✓ 83% of the children would prefer to be asked what they would like to eat instead of having food put on their plate without them choosing.
- ✓ The most popular suggestions for new food ideas are hot dogs, bubblegum ice cream, chicken pie and cheesecake. These requests were seen throughout the year groups.
- ✓ The most common answers given by children when asked for any other comments were that they would like to see cleaner cutlery, plates, cups etc. Furthermore, fruit juices and sauces to be added if possible. There were a lot of positive comments about the improvements too!