

A large majority of teachers back the government's breakfast plan for English primary schools and want it to reach all children - but highlight that funding must cover staffing and resource costs

- **88% of teachers support the government's commitment to providing breakfast in all English primary schools**
- **78% of teachers think the policy will encourage better attendance, whilst 67% believe that breakfast will have a positive impact on classroom behaviour and concentration**

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London: 4th September 2024, Magic Breakfast, using the survey tool TeacherTapp asked up to 10,000 teachers for their views on the government's planned breakfast provision for English primary schools. The results show overwhelming backing from both primary and secondary school teachers for the policy, with many of the anticipated benefits of breakfast supporting working conditions and job satisfaction for educators. For primary school children and their parents and carers in England, teachers feel this policy will deliver tangible benefits including improved emotional and mental well-being, better physical health and by removing hunger as a barrier to learning.

The survey also outlines teachers' views on the proposed policy, with 92% of over 10,000 teachers stipulating that breakfast must have designated funding for staff and resource costs and over half of all teachers calling for the inclusion of secondary, Pupil Referral Units and SEN schools – with a third of teachers also looking for support on the setting up and running of breakfast provision in schools.

Full survey details are available [here](#)

Lindsey MacDonald, Chief Executive, Magic Breakfast said: 'Magic Breakfast has been campaigning for, and providing, school breakfast for over 20 years, so we are cautiously optimistic about the planned provision promised by the new government in English primary schools. We have been consistently clear on the benefits of supporting children with a daily school breakfast and the value it delivers for teachers, parents and schools. Most importantly, breakfast sets each child up for their school day, their ability to learn and thrive. I am pleased to see that most teachers share these views.

To reach most children and make the biggest difference to schools it is vital that different models are made available to best meet the needs of all children, schools and the communities in which they are based. We want to see a range of options, not just breakfast clubs. This means, where viable, offering classroom breakfast, nurture rooms and 'grab 'n' go' offers so no child is too hungry to learn.

Implementing multiple models better supports children, teachers and families, offering more children access to a healthy, nutritious breakfast without stigma. It is vital that any school breakfast policy is fit for purpose, and plans are developed alongside teaching unions, local authorities and others to best support

children and maximise the positive outcomes which will benefit us all. Magic Breakfast also wants to see breakfast available to children in SEND and alternative provision settings and extending provision to secondary level and all children in the devolved nations.

Magic Breakfast is available to support the government around the forthcoming Children's Wellbeing Bill in developing a school breakfast offer which will deliver the most benefits in the most effective way'.

Marie Berry, Headteacher, Bournville Primary School, Weston-super-Mare, said: 'At our school, the children have been supported by Magic Breakfast for over seven years. I have seen first-hand the overwhelmingly positive impact it has had on the children and our community. It's encouraging that the benefits breakfast brings could soon be available to all English primary schools – however, it's important that the teachers and schools are supported with adequate funding to provide healthy, nutritious food and that schools can access the staffing and resources needed to reach every child every morning'.

Magic Breakfast recently launched 'Breakfast Powers Opportunity' a campaign to ensure the government's breakfast commitment is implemented to deliver the best outcomes for children and young people.

Find out how you can support 'Breakfast powers opportunity' and Magic Breakfast at [Breakfast Powers Opportunity - Magic Breakfast](#)

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About Magic Breakfast

Magic Breakfast is a registered charity providing healthy breakfasts to children in the UK who arrive at school too hungry to learn, and expert support to their schools. The charity works with over 1,000 Primary, Secondary, ASN/Special Educational Needs Schools, and Pupil Referral Units in disadvantaged areas of Scotland and England, offering breakfasts to over 200,000 children to ensure they start their' school day with the energy and nutrition they need to be able to make the most of their morning lessons.

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