

POLLINGTON-BALNE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Dear Parents

We are constantly looking at our school meal provision and how we can improve our service. We would be grateful if you will complete our questionnaire and return it to the school office, at your earliest convenience. We will use the information gathered to reflect on and develop our provision. Thank you

Q1. Does your child have school dinners?

Yes, every day (go to Q3.)	Yes, some days (go to Q2.)	Never (go to Q10.)
15	20	2

Q2. On which days does your child have school dinners?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Varies
10	10	13	6	9	3

Depends on which week. Child said which meals didn't like. I'm not paying for a meal he won't attempt to eat.

Depends on menu

Depends varies week to week

Random days when it is cheesy!

Q3. How would you rate school dinners in terms of the following:

	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor
Value for Money	3	11	10	1	0
Quality of Food	6	10	9	0	0
Variety of Food	6	12	9	2	0
Feedback from your child	4	13	12	2	0

Currently free, don't know if good or bad.

roast dinner and fish Friday – very positive feedback from child, the other days are hit and miss with her.

Q4. Do you believe the portion sizes are:

Much too big	Slightly too big	About Right	Slightly too small	Much too small
	3	21	8	

Q5. Since becoming a parent / carer, have you ever tried a school dinner?

13 - Yes, and would like to again

2 - Yes, but wouldn't want to again

12 - No, but would like to

7 - No, and wouldn't want to

The school used to do bring parent/grandparent for lunch day, not happen for a long time though.

Q6. Do you know where you could find a copy of the school dinner menu?

Yes 28 No 4

I have found that sometimes what is on the menu doesn't always match what is served.

Not apart from the one that gets sent home and has to be returned to school.

Q7. How often do you look at the school dinner menu?

Daily	Weekly	Half-Termly	Termly	Less Often	Never
4	8	7	8	4	1

When a copy get sent home.

Q8. Are your children entitled to Free School Meals?

Yes 6 (go to Q9.)

No 25 (go to Q14.)

Not sure 2 (go to Q14.)

Q9. Do your children have the Free School Meals they are entitled to? (then go to Q14.)

Yes 7

Sometimes 1

No 0 If not, why not? _____

Q10. Why does your child have packed lunches?

- 3 I prefer to provide food that I know my child will definitely eat
- 0 I can provide healthier food than what is provided by school
- 4 My child doesn't like school dinners (1 cheesy dinners) depends on menu
- 0 My child wants a packed lunch so they can sit with their friends
- 1 School meals are too expensive
- 1 Other (*please write in*)
Every Thursday because of menu

He eats school dinner most daysm but takes pack up on the days it's the meal he doesn't like.

Q11. Approximately how much do you spend on packed lunches each week?

<£4	£5 - £9	£10 - £14	£15 - £19	£20 or more	Not Sure
2	1	0	0	0	3

Q12. Would information on providing healthy balanced packed lunches be helpful to you?

Yes 2 No 5

Q13. Is there anything that could be done that would prompt you to change from packed lunches to school dinners?

Yes 3 Please specify___Cheaper options. Cheese added later/optional

No 2

If there is a few different options for child to pick from (ie jacket potato or set menu etc. each dinner time and they can decide on the day. I think this would help.

more choice – sandwiches or wraps/hotdogs

Q14. Have you any suggestions on how we could make school dinners better?

Another option if the child does not like the meal, such as – sandwich, fruit, veg sticks.

Child answer more meat, eg more roast ham on the roast ham dinner.

No we think the menu choices are amazing.

More variety, ask the children what they'd like to eat.

Maybe a choice of 2 things daily

Child is happy with their dinners

More than one option per day e.g. always also have the option of a sandwich or jacket potato

A couple/few options of meal choice that the child can pick from on the day.

Less breaded chicken (child disagrees though!) more pasta dishes.

Less sweetcorn more variety of veg.

Monthly menu in case things change?

I'm told dinners are too dry!!

Bring taster days into the classroom – some children won't pick the meals because they don't know what they are from the name – have photo's so kids can look at pictures of the meals.

Input from the children. If having fruit give a larger portion. Have a sandwich/toastie option, plus jacket potatoes on more days.

Less quorn on the veggie options, more lentils/chickpeas

Ask the children for ideas

Alternative choices

Some days are carb heavy (pasta and bread) more fresh vegetables/fruit. If having fruit for dessert have more than a few pieces.

More pasta and seasoning!!

More options for deserts.

Q15. How interested are you in cooking? *(please circle)*

Extremely Interested				Not At All Interested
5	4	3	2	1
5	18	11	1	

Q16. How confident are you about cooking? *(please circle)*

Extremely Confident				Not At All Confident
5	4	3	2	1
10	16	7	3	

Q17. In an average week, how often do you cook from scratch?

Everyday	Most days	A couple of days	One day	Never
5	27	3	0	0

Q18. How actively do you encourage your child to eat a healthy balanced diet, including their 5 portions of fruit & vegetables each day? (*please circle*)

Actively Encourage			Actively Discourage	
5	4	3	2	1
23	12			

Q19. How successful are you in getting your child to eat a healthy balanced diet, including their 5 portions of fruit & vegetables each day? (*please circle*)

Very Successful			Not At All Successful	
5	4	3	2	1
8	19	5	3	

Q20. Overall, would you say you and your family eat a healthy balanced diet?

Always	Most Days	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
3	30	2	0	0

Q21. Is there anything else you would like to say about school food?

I think the cost of meals are a little much considering my child has a jacket potatoes on days there is little else to choose for 2.70 with no topping.

We have trial a few times at pre-school ad school to change over to school dinners, but she will not eat anything that the school provides, but she is a very fussy even at home.

Child enjoys it a lot. child loves kitchen stall and is inspired to cook. Child is happy with lenth of time to eat. Whilst child is happy, we would prefer to see more cooking from scratch. The meal I had at the taster session was a chicken burer served with a wrap 'chicken wrap' – wasn't great. I know school kitchen is hamstrung by the menu set by LA, limited budgets, time, space, staff, but a few less 'treat' options across the weeks would be more reassuring. Or, assurance that the meat options are minimally

or not processed. The odd fully vegetarian option for all pupils would be a cost- effective way to balance the budget to include better meat.

I can't comment about value for money as I don't pay at present. I also can't comment about portion size, my son eats them and states he likes them I have no concerns.

A good job on a small budget

Some days are ery carb heavy eg pasta and bread.

Enjoys school dinners. They are just expensive for key stage 2.

Alternative choices eg. option of a jacket potato or a sandwich wrap daily.

We think that meals prepared and cooked on site is fabulous. The menu choice is amazing. You can't please everyone all of the time.

Lunch date with parents were a big hit.

I like the fact that my child can choose what days he wants a school dinner.

If they were more affordable we'd probably have more.

Have a dater day/morning.

Do a competition for the kids to decide a meal – take home with each class termly.

Golden table was a reward system for good table manners, etc – Mrs Foster will probably remember.

Have fruit accessible to classrooms.

My child loves the beans 😊.

THANK YOU!