

## UFSM Questions/ Concerns

- We will need more staff and equipment to ensure delivery is in the same time scale. As our hall is multi use we need it for afternoon lessons.
  - **Possibly able to top slice some of the grant to subsidise additional SMSAs**
  - **Possible partition to separate the hall into 2 areas so clubs could still run while the children eat the other side**
- That schools are given adequate funding to support the scheme fully, including possible top up funding to help with the purchasing of any extra equipment needed.
  - **There is no capital provision in this grant, therefore you cannot use it to purchase additional equipment, i.e. kitchen equipment, crockery, cutlery, etc.**
  - **Catering companies should be able to provide this to meet the increased demand.**
- Our capacity to deal with a much larger serving
  - **Individual schools would need to establish increased uptake. All pupils currently having some form of lunch time meal. (FSM, Paid, Packed Lunch)**
  - **In line with the national school food standards schools can offer cold lunches rather than hot dishes.**
- Infrastructure - need more furniture, plates, cutlery and staff. Where is the extra money for this? Time - the school timetable will be impacted. Cancellation of clubs that bring in income as hall space will be needed.
  - **Seating / furniture would need to be managed locally by speeding up turnaround of available places.**
- If our supplier cannot support then we have no means to provide extra KS2
  - **Suppliers should be communicating with schools with regards to meeting increased demand**
  - **May need to look for a second supplier or discuss what can be provided. If not a hot meal, consider supplying a packed lunch.**
- If meal uptake increases we may have to employ more catering staff or lunchtime supervisors
  - **The grant conditions state that the grant must be spent on the provision of a school lunch. The funding allocations takes the total number of KS2 pupils minus those which are eligible for the Government offer of Free School Meals (FSM). It's then applied an assumed uptake of 90 per cent with a meal cost of £2.65. For boroughs who can evidence a higher uptake this will be paid in April 24. Boroughs will then be responsible for passing the funding on to their schools. If take up is lower than 90% (which we expect it will be initially, looking at existing schemes) then there may be some additional funds available for schools to use at their discretion.**
- Reasoning as to why this is only for one academic year, parents/carers will possibly feel/believe this should be a permanent change with schools having to explain the reasoning behind it, without knowing themselves.
  - **Scheme being delivered by the Mayor of London for one year to London councils only.**
- Clear guidelines would be helpful. Currently not confirmed that this is happening for KS2 children.
  - **This scheme is going ahead as scheduled**
- Space to accommodate all the food, purchasing additional crockery, cutlery, additional staff needed but only for a year, the take up of PP dropping, timing of lunch service, getting the information out to parents in enough time
  - **A range of resources to support schools with increasing capacity and communicating with the school community will be made available on via the UFSM homepage [here](#). These will include:**
    - **Templates for communication with parents and families e.g. copy for letters, websites, newsletters, emails, social media, texts**
    - **Support on pupil premium and to encourage FSM registration**
    - **Best practice session recordings**
    - **Branding expectations and guidance**
    - **FAQ sheet for parents**
    - **PowerPoint slides**

- **Capital outlay and logistics as above. Schools capture PP eligibility at reception intake. Once registered they remain on the EVER6 report for PP for their Primary career.**
- The amount of time it will take to get all of the children through
  - **Options would include “staggered” lunch for each KS. Packed lunches. Increased turnaround of lunch area.**
- scaling up current provision; space and time to eat; communication to parents and time to strategically plan delivery of FSM in KS2
  - **Third party providers are unlikely to have an issue scaling up. If there is an issue a secondary provider maybe required.**
  - **Packed lunches are an option, which could reduce scaling pressures as can be made in advance. Also assists with supervision and hall turnaround.**