

Date Received	Email/Letter/ Contact Centre	Information received
28/11/2023	Email 1	<p>The council tax has gone up and yet working parents are suffering. This is awful having parents to pay for a service which should be provided free by the council.</p> <p>You are stopping school buses and not we are having to pay for breakfast club. Yet non working parents who are on benefits and no doubt immigrants don't have to pay a thing.</p> <p>This is awful and I think perhaps the council need to look at other ways to save money other than affecting working families who are already struggling.</p> <p>Please pass on my comments that this is horrific perhaps it would be a better idea to get people on benefits back to work to make some savings, as opposed to impacting working families!</p>
29/11/2023	Email 2	<p>I'm emailing about the breakfast club due to working on the days of the discussions</p> <p>Some people have more than 1 child to attend breakfast club so it would be a lot of money to address every month with the cost of living rising</p> <p>The working parents are again affected with a cost while the people who get free school meals are going to get this for free without an additional cost</p> <p>There's a crisis with cost of living and this is now going to be implemented</p> <p>Some children attend breakfast club for a more social life Some children need this for routine</p> <p>Some need to attend breakfast club to ensure their parents can work, get to work on time</p> <p>The charge to you maybe £1 but what happens if the child does not want to attend every day</p> <p>Some children's family will not be able to afford breakfast club charges or the breakfast in the table which will result to more people using food banks</p> <p>I get there is things out there for people claiming money who don't work but everything gets given to them and the working people are again affected, with a knock on effect of another bill for the children to attend breakfast club to see their friends, be warm, and eat breakfast</p>

		<p>I don't see this as an additional child care because the teachers that do this do it voluntary enjoy doing it,</p> <p>Just think about the working being effected again, most children that attend are working parents so we would have to pay and the free meal family's will then use the service to its full advance because its a free to them but working family's have to factor that into there weekly/monthly out goings!</p> <p>So working parents will have to pay per child, if they had 4 children like myself it would be a lot to factor into my monthly budget because I work but if I did not work I would get this service for free but not need it because I didn't work? Someone with children who don't work may not send there children now because they don't work but the working parents to but once a charge comes into place all working parents who need the service won't send them and the ones who don't work or don't nessasry need it will then Begin to send them because of another free service been given to them</p>
29/11/2023	Email 3	<p>I have just read the proposal for charges for Breakfast clubs</p> <p>I have a few observations. On the whole I have no real objection to this. I would like to ask what would the criteria be for charges. As someone who is not eligible for benefits (yes i work and get no help) I have less disposable income than some who get everything paid for them. I believe that if goes ahead then everyone should pay. I would have to find £1 per day so I would argue that everyone should have to. I know it sounds harsh but why should I pay when others who dont work and have more money than me wont have to.</p> <p>It should be everyone pays or no one pays.</p>
30/11/2023	Email 4	<p>Hi I'm writing in regards to the proposed changes to breakfast club, I'm a single mum trying to work, paying for breakfast club is an additional cost on top of after school club , and paying for dinner money is never ending. . I don't qualify for free school dinners , school uniform help . I need breakfast club in order for me to work . Please can you think of parents that need the care who don't get help .</p>
12/12/23	Email 5	<p>Member of the Senedd for Cynon Valley</p> <p>The aim of the Welsh Government's Free Breakfast in Primary Schools scheme is to provide children with a healthy breakfast before the start of the school day and I appreciate the wraparound childcare element of this provision is solely funded by local authorities. In light of austerity and the financial pressures local authorities across the UK</p>

		<p>are facing, I will offer my support to the proposed change in provision which will bring in a small fee for childcare. My support is offered on the basis the current policy of free wraparound care is reconsidered should a more generous local government financial settlement become available to the local authority in future.</p>
18/12/23	Email 6	<p>Executive Officer to Hirwaun &amp; Penderyn Community Council</p> <p>Our Cllrs have asked me to respond to the consultation on the continuation of free breakfast club provision.</p> <p>Their opinion is that the provision of a free breakfast club is a proven benefit to children to increase their learning and should continue to be free.</p>
19/12/23	Email 7	<p>Clybiau Plant Cymru</p> <p>Do you agree with the proposal to introduce a charge for the additional childcare element of breakfast club?</p> <p>No, we feel that this scheme should be called an 'extended breakfast club' not a 'childcare element' of breakfast club. Using the term childcare will adversely affect parental perceptions of childcare and its cost. Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) registered childcare provisions have a 1:8 adult: child ratio, qualifications in Playwork, are trained in Safeguarding, First Aid and other CPD and meet a whole range of National Minimum Standards. With these requirements in mind, current CIW registered provisions could not possibly offer services at a £1 or any reduced cost. The unintended consequences of using this terminology would be to undermine the parental perceptions of the cost of high quality, CIW registered childcare run by Childcare/Playwork qualified staff, meeting a whole range of standards against which they are inspected.</p> <p>How would the proposal impact upon you and / or your family?</p> <p>We think that if this is termed childcare for £1, then there are challenges with parental perception of the cost of CIW regulated childcare, which will impact the Childcare and Playwork sector in RCT. Without regulated childcare in the county, parents would not be able to work, train, progress careers and improve their families circumstances long term.</p> <p>Other comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Could Free Breakfast Initiative (FBI) funding or other initiatives to support disadvantaged children (e.g. SHEP funding) be invested in existing CIW registered Out of School Childcare provision (we believe there to be 13 CIW registered Before School Childcare Clubs in RCT),</li> </ul>

		<p>that provide quality play and care for children, improving their outcomes and sustain a quality childcare sector in RCT. There are 5 school based Before School Childcare Club provisions currently registered with CIW and 8 non-school based Out of School Childcare Breakfast Club provisions registered with CIW in RCT.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have successfully tendered for funding for Playwork qualifications through the Welsh Government Training and Support Programme and would be delighted to be able deliver Playwork training to catering staff to enhance their skills and ensure quality childcare for children.</li> <li>• If individual schools are managing these breakfast clubs (FBIs) and 'childcare element' and also manage Afterschool Childcare Clubs, with combined hours exceeding 2 hours in any one day at the same location, they will need to register with CIW by law as they are exceeding the National Minimum Standards for providing Childcare unregistered with CIW.</li> <li>• Within RCT there are 26 Out of School Childcare Settings that have an After School Club but do not have a registered Out of School Childcare Breakfast club. Of these 26 settings, 20 of these are based within a school building, therefore there is potential for clubs to be developed and incorporate the FBI within a play provision.</li> </ul>
15/12/23	Email 8	<p>I am saddened, disappointed and concerned to learn that the provision of a free breakfast for all Primary School children is now under threat of becoming for a pay for access service. Not only at a time of economic hardship for family's, but also in an area with districts that rank highest for poverty in a recent survey (Wales on Line Article 2nd June 2019 "The Welsh Village Where Half The Kids Grow Up In Poverty")</p> <p>To take us back to the origins and goals of Primary Schools providing free breakfast for all. The free breakfast club initiative is aimed at providing primary school pupils with the opportunity of receiving a free, healthy breakfast at school each day.</p> <p>Free breakfast in primary schools is an integral part of our wider work to improve food and nutrition in schools and ensure all children are treated equally. That will not be the case if the poorest family's are no longer able to access this provision and life line</p> <p>Benefits of a pupil having a good breakfast in the morning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increases pupil's concentration and behaviour in school</li> <li>• Offers supervised play and social time in the morning</li> <li>• Prepares pupils for the day ahead</li> <li>• Improves punctuality and attendance</li> <li>• Useful for parents who need to start work early.</li> </ul>

		<p>In a recent survey it found that Children who usually skip breakfast achieve significantly lower GCSE grades than those who normally eat it, research shows. The UK study found that missing the first meal of the day was associated with academic performance around two grades lower than it would otherwise have been, when all exams were added together.</p> <p>The Telegraph 20 Nov 2019</p> <p>As no schools in Rhondda Cynon Taff currently rank in the top 10 for performance, (Top performing schools in Wales revealed in new survey</p> <p>03 Dec 2021) I find it concerning that some of the poorest and most deprived children not only in RCT but in Wales are at risk of being further deprived.</p> <p>Now to a personal note</p> <p>I Have Helped facilitate Breakfast Clubs in a variety of schools in RCT for the past 10 years. I have personally seen both the benefit and the necessity that a free breakfast provides. When a Child is hungry their behaviour, and concentration are significantly affected.</p> <p>It is heart-breaking to see some children eat a larger and more substantial breakfast than a fully grown man. Not out of gluttony but out of pure hunger.</p> <p>On a number of occasions through out the last decade both myself and I should imagine most of the breakfast club facilitators have had to report to that schools safe guarding officer over the concerning amount some children eat out of hunger.</p> <p>As recent as yesterday a report has come to light that Older primary school children are going hungry, because the school meals are too small (Wales online 13th December 2023) and I feel with the introduction of a pay for breakfast club for our poorest and most vulnerable in society. This is only going to get worse.</p>
06/01/24	Email 9	<p>I oppose to you charging for breakfast club and I oppose to you saying its childcare. We are a breakfast club for the children to eat their breakfast so that they can concentrate in class. It does help working parents and we understand that however they must understand that we are to feed the children as well. I am not a childcare person, if I was I would have gone to college and be on a lot more money than what we are getting paid.</p> <p>Where do you get your times from I do not know. 3 of us are in at about 7.50am. I think you think that the kitchen getting wiped down and all the breakfast items are ready to serve. Tables being set up wiped down set up with board games, lego etc all done by 8am you're</p>

		<p>all off your trollies. We've give 30 minutes a day up to get things ready by 8.10 for the gates to be opened at 8.10. The gates shut at 8.30 for us to get the kitchen ready for 9 o clock for the cook to go into their job.</p> <p>You haven't even spoken to the catering department about these times. If you had they would have told you that these times are not possible. Start working with your employees instead of ***** them off.</p>
08/01/24	Email 10	<p>Aelod o'r Senedd dros Ganol De Cymru / Member of the Senedd for South Wales Central</p> <p>Mae gennyf amryw o bryderon am eich cynnig.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bydd rhieni sydd mewn tlodi ond ddim yn gymwys i dderbyn budd-daliadau yn wynebu bil sylweddol ychwanegol ar ddechrau pob tymor ysgol allai foci cymaint a £180 y flwyddyn am un plentyn.</li> <li>2. Bydd cynnal sesiwn gofrestri plant am 8 y bore ac eto am 8.30 y bore yn clymu amser staff i fyny a'i wneud yn anodd iawn iddynt ddarparu brecwast a goruchwyliaeth heb gyflogi staff ychwanegol. Bydd hyn yn effeithio ar hygyrdd ariannol y cynnig hwn.</li> <li>3. Dylid ystyried sicrhau bod modd i rieni dalu am y gwasanaethau a dderbynnir yn unig ac nid gorfod talu am bob sesiwn.</li> <li>4. Dylid ystyried rhoi opsiynau talu amgen fel nad yw'r gost yn gorfod cael ei thalu mewn un swm ar ddechrau pob tymor, er mwyn gwneud yr effaith ariannol yn haws i deuluoedd.</li> <li>5. Mae disgwyl i ysgol fedri bwydo plant mewn 20 munud yn unig yn afrealistig ac yn enghraifft wael i'r plant hynny o sut i fwyta yn iach. Dylai ben bore fad yn amser i fwynhau brecwast cyn bwrlwm y dydd yn hytrach na bod yn brofiad wedi ei frysio yn ormodol gan gynyddu lefelau pwysau ar bawb. Y plant a fydd yn dioddef fwyaf fydd y rheiny sydd ag ADY ac sydd angen amser ychwanegol i fwyta.</li> <li>6. Bydd y system newydd yma a gynhigir yn creu biwrocratiaeth di-angen.</li> <li>7. Nici oes gweithlu parod ar gael i sefyll yn y bwlch ble bydd angen staff ychwanegol</li> <li>8. Mae'r polisi hwn yn afresymol ac heb ei gynllunio yn synhwyrol. Bydd yn creu heriau mawr i ysgolion ac i'r plant mwyaf bregus yn yr ysgol. Bydd effaith ar y sector gofal plant ac ar staff cinio ar amser pan mae'r gweithlu eisoes o dan straen.</li> <li>9. Nid yw'r arbedion ariannol yn gymesur a'r difrod a wneir trwy gyflwyno y polisi hwn. Mae'r clybiau brecwast yn rhan hanfodol o'r gwasanaeth gofal plant sydd yn galluogi cymaint o rieni i weithio.</li> </ol>

