

## **Breakfast Clubs in Primary Schools**

### **1. Background**

- 1.1 Glasgow City Council introduced breakfast clubs in all primary schools across the city a number of years ago. The objective was to provide children with the best possible start to the day.
- 1.2 Children can come into school from 8.15 am. They are able to have fruit, cereal and toast. There are at least two members of staff from Cordia. Education Services pay for the service at a total cost of £2.4 million. (tbc)
- 1.3 In the February 2010 budget, it was agreed that breakfast would be provided free to those children who were entitled to a free school meal. All other children would be charged 50p. The charge was introduced in August 2010.
- 1.4 Following the charge, a small number of written complaints were received in Education Services. Mainly from working parents who had more than one child and who earned just over the threshold for entitlement to free school meals. They felt very strongly that they were being penalised for working.

### **2. Uptake**

- 2.1 Following the introduction of charging for breakfast, numbers taking breakfast have declined.
- 2.2 In October 2010, 45 primary schools have an uptake of less than 10% of the school roll. 85 primary schools have an uptake of between 10 and 19.9% of the school roll. 14 primary schools have an uptake of more than 20% of the school roll.
- 2.3 Appendix 1 contains a list of all the schools ordered by percentage uptake.

### **3. Future provision**

- 3.1 Glasgow City Council is committed to meeting the needs of the most vulnerable and targeting resources to most need. However, the current financial position of public services means that services, such as the breakfast clubs, require to be reviewed to ensure that they are continuing to meet those aims and achieving best value.
- 3.2 Education Services and Cordia wish to seek the views of Parent Councils regarding the future of breakfast clubs.
- 3.3 There are a number of possible options – the following are not designed to be a list from which Parent Councils should choose, but rather to give an indication of the options we could consider. We would welcome Parent Councils offering alternatives.

## **Option One**

Discontinue breakfast provision

### *Possible Consequences*

- *Vulnerable children do not receive a breakfast*
- *Working parents are not able to get to work on time*
- *Considerable savings to Education Services*
- *Cordia staff lose potential earnings, many would require to be made redundant*

## **Option Two**

Retain breakfast provision where the uptake is greater than 10% of the school roll

### *Possible consequences*

- *Some vulnerable children in schools where there is a low uptake do not receive a breakfast*
- *Some working parents are not able to get to work on time*
- *10% of the school roll may still represent a notable number of children, for example, greater than 30*
- *Some savings to Education Services*
- *Some Cordia staff require to be redeployed, some would require to be made redundant.*

## **Option Three**

Retain breakfast provision but increase the cost for those who pay, for example, £1 a day

### *Possible consequences*

- *The uptake may reduce further as some parents could not afford the new cost which would impact further on working parents*
- *Potential increase in income could be outweighed by drop in uptake*

## **Option Four**

Put together a combination of the last two options – for example, where the uptake is less than 15 discontinue the service, introduce an increased charge but have a sliding scale dependent on the number of children (free for those entitled to free meals, £1 for first child, 50p for second child and free for third or more child)

### ***Parent Councils could offer other options for consideration.***

Following receipt of the views of Parent Councils, Education Services will work with Cordia to develop a paper to take to the Education, Children and Families Policy Development Committee for elected members to take a view. If necessary, a paper will also be taken to the Executive Committee of the Council.

## **BREAKFAST QUESTIONNAIRE**

### **TO BE RETURNED TO EDUCATION SERVICES**

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### **TO BE RETURNED BY 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2011**

We would welcome the views of the Parent Council on the future provision of Breakfast Clubs. In particular, we would like to know what your preferred option would be taking into consideration the points which have been made in the above paper.

Rather than ask you to complete a questionnaire with yes and no answers, we would prefer if as a group you debated the issue and then provided us with a note of your discussion and your preferred option(s) with reasons for your choice. You may wish to consult a broader range of parents before responding.

Your response should indicate the name of your Primary School and the name and details of a contact should further information be required.

I would like to thank you in anticipation of your support.

Maureen McKenna

Executive Director of Education Services

**APPENDIX 1**

PREMISE	BREAKFAST DAILY AVERAGE			BREAKFAST UPTAKE %
	FREE	CASH	BREAKFAST TOTAL	
ST MARIA GORETTI PRIMARY	56	20	75	38.3%
THORNTREE PRIM BUDHILL	45	67	111	31.8%
GOWANBANK PRIMARY	31	7	38	30.8%
ST CLAIRES PRIMARY	41	24	65	27.7%
CALEDONIA PRIMARY	14	20	34	22.9%
ST PETERS PRIMARY	8	10	18	22.4%
ST NINIANS PRIMARY	19	24	43	22.3%
CRANHILL PRIMARY	23	5	28	22.2%
ST VINCENTS PRIMARY	36	21	57	21.9%
SUNNYSIDE PRIMARY	18	12	29	21.1%
ST BRENDANS PRIMARY	17	20	37	20.6%
TORYGLEN PRIMARY	20	2	22	20.2%
ST CHARLES PRIM	32	13	45	20.1%
LANGFAULDS PRIMARY	16	2	18	20.1%
HAGHILL PARK PRIMARY	19	5	24	19.7%
CROOKSTON CASTLE P/S	41	36	76	19.1%
ST MONICAS PRIMARY	21	27	48	19.0%
ST MICHAELS PRIMARY	24	6	30	18.8%
MERRYLEE PRIMARY	5	46	51	18.6%
ST FRANCIS-ASSISI PRIM	2	40	42	18.4%
ST BERNARD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL	34	15	49	18.4%
AULTMORE PARK PRIMARY	32	25	58	18.2%
ST MUNGOS PRIMARY	26	10	35	17.8%
ST JOACHIMS PRIMARY	4	12	16	17.8%
BLAIRDARDIE PRIMARY	19	47	66	17.7%
DOWANHILL PRIMARY	4	11	15	17.2%
WHITEINCH PRIMARY	10	12	22	17.1%
ST BRIGIDS PRIMARY	26	16	42	16.8%
ST MIRINS PRIMARY	9	35	44	16.8%
O.L.OF THE ANNUN. PRIM	2	30	33	16.5%
ST CUTHBERTS PRIM	11	2	13	16.4%
ST STEPHEN'S PRIMARY	36	3	39	16.4%
DARNLEY PRIMARY	21	17	38	16.3%
DALMARNOCK PRIMARY	27	5	32	16.1%
RUCHILL PRIMARY	7	10	16	16.1%
ANDERSTON PRIMARY	11	5	16	16.1%
JOHN PAUL II PRIMARY	22	11	33	15.8%
GOLFHILL PRIMARY	14	8	22	15.7%
SANDAIG PRIMARY	19	11	30	15.6%
ST PAULS PRI WHITEINCH	23	20	43	15.4%
ROYSTON PRIMARY	14	7	21	15.3%
EASTBANK PRIMARY	16	19	34	15.3%
SWINTON PRIMARY	10	21	30	15.3%
QUARRYBRAE PRIMARY	25	5	30	15.2%
ST BLANES PRIMARY	12	27	39	14.9%
HILLINGTON PRIMARY	23	24	48	14.9%
CAMSTRADDEN PS	25	4	28	14.8%

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ST PHILOMENAS PRIMARY	15	10	25	14.7%
OAKGROVE PRIMARY	13	8	21	14.6%
MOUNT VERNON PRIMARY	4	37	40	14.5%
IBROX PRIMARY	19	2	21	14.4%
OAKWOOD PRIMARY	31	14	45	14.3%
ST THOMAS PRIMARY	19	25	44	14.2%
CALDERCUILT PRIMARY	4	27	31	14.1%
ST BARTHOLOMEWS PRIM	15	19	34	14.1%
ANNETTE STREET PRIMARY	18	9	28	14.0%
OUR LADY OF PEACE PRIMARY	12	15	27	13.9%
CHIRNSYDE PRIMARY	13	16	29	13.9%
NOTRE DAME PRIMARY	6	38	44	13.9%
OUR LADY-ROSARY PRIM	31	26	58	13.9%
CORPUS CHRISTI PRIM	14	34	48	13.7%
ST ANGELAS PRIMARY	5	45	50	13.5%
MILTONBANK PRIMARY	12	4	16	13.2%
ANTONINE PRIMARY	21	8	29	13.2%
WALLACEWELL PS	10	26	36	13.0%
BLACKFRIARS PRIMARY	22	5	27	13.0%
BROOMHILL PRIMARY	27	27	55	12.9%
ST PAULS PRI SHET/STON	13	26	39	12.9%
WESTERCOMMON PRIMARY	9	3	12	12.9%
GARSCADDEN PRIMARY	14	9	24	12.8%
ST PATRICKS PRIMARY	7	6	13	12.8%
ST JOSEPHS PRIMARY	9	11	20	12.7%
BALORNOCK PRIMARY	25	15	40	12.7%
KELVINDALE PRIMARY	6	47	52	12.4%
ST BENEDICTS PRIMARY	16	16	32	12.2%
ST BRIDGETS PRIMARY	2	44	45	11.8%
GOVAN CAMPUS	19	15	34	11.7%
ST ROSE OF LIMA PRIM	23	10	32	11.6%
YOKER PRIMARY	13	1	13	11.6%
CARMUNNOCK PRIMARY	3	18	21	11.6%
ALEXANDRA PARADE PRIMARY	14	23	37	11.4%
PARKVIEW PRIM	9	15	24	11.4%
CLEEVES PRIMARY	16	14	30	11.3%
LOURDES PRIMARY	12	27	39	11.3%
ST FILLANS PRIMARY	2	44	46	11.1%
HOLY CROSS PRIMARY	22	20	42	10.8%
KEPPOCH CAMPUS	19	14	33	10.8%
ST GEORGES PRIMARY	12	9	21	10.7%
KELVINHAUGH PRIMARY	5	3	7	10.4%
ST MARNOCKS PRIMARY	13	14	26	10.4%
MOSSPARK PRIMARY	13	11	24	10.3%
CASTLETON PRIMARY	20	14	34	10.2%
GLASGOW GAELIC SCHOOL	15	29	44	10.1%
CARDONALD PRIMARY	11	28	39	10.1%
ST FRANCIS PRIMARY	19	9	28	10.1%
SIR JOHN MAXWELL PRIM	4	3	7	10.1%

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BARMULLOCH PRIMARY	10	4	14	10.0%
BATTLEFIELD PRIMARY	4	23	27	10.0%
DUNARD ST PRIMARY	10	10	20	10.0%
CADDER PRIMARY	8	8	15	9.9%
ST TIMOTHYS PRIMARY	7	22	30	9.7%
THORNWOOD PRIMARY	8	8	16	9.7%
AVENUE END PRIMARY	16	3	19	9.3%
BANKHEAD PRIM	8	22	30	9.2%
SCOTSTOUN PRIMARY	7	24	31	9.1%
ST ROCHS PRIMARY	13	11	24	9.0%
ST MARTHAS PRIMARY	25	7	32	8.9%
SANDWOOD PRIMARY	10	6	16	8.5%
ST CATHERINES PRIMARY	9	14	24	8.4%
KINGS PARK PRIMARY	4	21	26	8.2%
PIRIE PARK PRIMARY	12	20	32	8.1%
KNIGHTSWOOD PRIMARY	13	22	35	8.0%
ASHPARK PRIMARY	11	9	21	8.0%
ST MARYS PRIM M/HILL	7	2	8	8.0%
ST MONICAS OF MILTON PRIM	12	14	25	7.9%
MILLER PRIMARY	14	0	14	7.9%
SHAWLANDS PRIMARY	14	12	26	7.9%
ST ANNES PRIMARY	9	4	14	7.8%
CARMYLE PRIMARY	2	13	15	7.5%
ST CONVALS PRIMARY	7	10	17	7.4%
STONEDYKE PRIMARY	9	0	9	7.3%
TINTO PRIMARY	4	15	19	7.2%
ST DENIS PRIMARY	3	15	19	7.1%
CRAIGTON PRIMARY	3	14	16	7.0%
CARNTYNE PRIMARY	8	3	10	6.6%
ELMVALE PRIMARY	14	6	20	6.5%
CUTHBERTSON PRIMARY	12	5	18	6.5%
HILLHEAD PRIMARY	4	16	20	6.4%
GARROWHILL PRIMARY	0	25	25	6.3%
SACRED HEART PRIMARY	8	7	16	6.2%
WELLSHOT PRIMARY	7	9	16	5.9%
GARNETBANK PRIMARY	7	6	12	5.8%
MOUNT FLORIDA PRIMARY	2	9	11	5.7%
ST ALBERTS PRIMARY	11	1	12	5.6%
ST CONSTANTINES PRIMARY	5	6	11	4.9%
WILLOWBANK PRIMARY	2	2	4	4.7%
GLENDALE PRIMARY	3	9	12	4.4%
CROFTFOOT PRIMARY	4	9	14	4.1%
LANGSIDE PRIMARY	5	10	15	4.0%
LORNE STREET PRIMARY	3	4	7	3.4%
ST BRIDES PRIM G/HILL	2	8	10	3.3%
POLLOCKSHIELDS PRIMARY	7	1	8	3.1%
HYNDLAND PRIMARY	7	5	12	3.1%