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School Food in Wales

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The landscape...

- 22 Local Authorities, 1480 schools
- Devolved government - Welsh Government responsible for Education and Health
- The Healthy Eating in Schools (Nutritional Standards and Requirements) (Wales) Regulations 2013
- Welsh Government Free Breakfast Scheme – Primary and Y7
- Food and Fun holiday provision



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Programme for Government: Cooperation Agreement

- December 2021: Labour and Plaid Cymru to provide Universal Free School Meals to all primary age pupils
- Shared ambition that no child should go hungry, supporting educational attainment, child nutrition, local food production and distribution, benefitting local economies
- 2 year programme starting in September 2022
- Capital Funding
- Unit meal rate £2.90



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Where are we.....

- Welsh Government UPFSM rollout expectations:
 - September 2022 – Reception
 - April 2023 – Year 1 and Year 2
 - September 2023 – Year 3 and Year 4
 - April 2024 – Year 5 and Year 6
- Challenges
 - Staffing
 - Equipment
 - Infrastructure
 - Special Diets
- eFSM holiday payments



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Going forward....

- Review of Healthy Eating in Schools Regulations
- Introduction of guidance to manage special diets
- Food related projects funded by WG
- Cardiff University Public Value Procurement Centre – Optimising the Welsh Food Supply Chain
- Review of Free Breakfast in Primary School Statutory Guidance
- Year 7 Breakfast Programme Review



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