



School Dinners Survey 2021-22

During Autumn Term 2021, 19 students participated in a 3-day pupil voice survey to help the school better understand their opinion of school dinners. 6 classes (Seahorse, Dolphin, Coral, Darwin, Pemberton and Fitzebra) were represented and could choose a period of 3 days in which to complete the survey during the term. The students were asked their opinions on 3 key areas:

- Size – are portions an appropriate size?
- Choice – are students provided with a good choice of food each day?
- Taste – does the food taste good?

Overview of Results

	Result
Size	- 53% of students thought that portion sizes were good. - 45% of students thought that portion sizes were too small. - 2% of students did not provide a response.
Choice	- 84% of students thought that there was a good choice available each day. - 9% of students thought there was not enough choice. - 7% of students did not provide a response.
Taste	- 80% of students thought that their dinner tasted good. - 15% of students did not like the taste. - 5% of students did not provide a response.

Students and supporting staff also had the opportunity to make any comments or suggestions about the school dinners.

Student Comments

We would like:

- Sausage, egg and chips
- Fish and chips
- Burger/hot dog
- Lasagne
- Curry sauce to dip vegetables and chips in
- Brownies, not just chocolate cake

- "The puddings are too small."
- "My lunch was cold."

Staff Comments

"I is generally happy with what he gets."

"O is usually happy with his dinners. Sometimes he does not like the taste."

"T sometimes only likes certain items on his plate. He prefers things to be put on his plate separately, not all mixed together."

"C likes her dinners. She is not keen on custard so would like to have a choice of cake without."

"J mostly enjoys his dinners but he would like the portions to be bigger."

"B finishes his dinners really quickly. He would like the portions to be bigger."

"N always eats all of her school dinner. She reaches for her spoon so seems to like it. N has to have a special size and puree of dinner and this is right for her."



Primary Responses

2 students from Penguin Class participated in the survey, completing 1 day. Responses were captured by supporting adults:

- Size – “Ok” / “Is good, it fills me up.”
- Choice – “Happy” / “Enough choice.”
- Taste – “Yummy” / “It all tastes good.”

Summary of Findings

Overall, feedback is very positive with most students enjoying their school dinners and recognising that there is a good range of choice available each day. The only area where the older students feel that there could be some improvement is with the size of portions, which many feel are too small.