

REPORT OF THE  
**Executive Member for Education**  
PART II

**65. SCHOOL MEAL PRICES FROM 2014**

1. On 22 January 2014, the Executive Member for Education agreed that the price of school meals be maintained at the level of £2.00 per meal from April 2014, for a sixth consecutive year. This applies to both Primary and Secondary Schools and is possible without subsidy from the County Council.

2. The school meals service through H3CS provides healthy meals. Good nutrition plays a vital role in enabling pupils to perform well in school. The service also encourages the healthy eating habits which are essential to combat child obesity; the latest figures indicate that one in three children are overweight or obese by the time they leave primary school. By sourcing local ingredients wherever possible the service supports the local economic development agenda.

3. The take up of meals has continued to increase. During the 2012/13 academic year, the percentage of primary school pupils taking an H3CS meal was 40.8 percent. The total numbers of H3CS meals served in schools this year is expected to exceed 10 million; 7 million in primary schools and 3 million in secondary schools.

Further details can be found at <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings.htm> by typing in the relevant reference number:

- School Meal Prices from April 2014 (5533)

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