

21 October 2024

Dear

ATISN 21978

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 27 September. You asked for:

- The number of calories in free school meals provided to primary school children between May 2021 and September 2024.

The information you request is already available in the public domain, therefore the following information is being provided as a routine enquiry rather than a Freedom of Information request.

The current statutory guidance on school food - 'Healthy eating in maintained schools' - defines the calorie intake that daily menus should supply for an average lunch over a period of five school days for children in primary schools. This can be found in a table on page 31. Local authorities and governing bodies of maintained schools must have regard to this statutory guidance and must comply with the Healthy Eating Regulations identified in Chapter 2.

The guidance document is publicly available and can be found on the Welsh Government website by following this link: [healthy-eating-in-maintained-schools-statutory-guidance-for-local-authorities-and-governing-bodies.pdf](https://www.gov.wales/sites/default/files/2024-09/healthy-eating-in-maintained-schools-statutory-guidance-for-local-authorities-and-governing-bodies.pdf).

Please note that this guidance document is currently under review and a public consultation on proposed changes will be commencing in 2025.

I hope this information is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely