Survation Chefs in Schools 2022 Survey

Conducted by Survation on behalf of Chefs in Schools
Methodology: Online interviews of Primary School teachers in England.
Fieldwork: 26-27 August 2022
Sample size: 527
Q1) In relation to the school you work in, which of the following is closest to your view?

- 83%: There are children who come to school hungry because their parents/guardians cannot afford enough food
- 13%: There are no children who come to school hungry because their parents/guardians cannot afford enough food
- 4%: Don't know

BASE: All  Respondents: 527
Q2) Over the past 6 months, has the number of children who come to school hungry increased, decreased or stayed the same?

- **NET: Increased**: 81%
- **Stayed the same**: 16%
- **NET: Decreased**: 3%
- **Don't know**: 0%

**BASE**: Respondents who say children come to school hungry: 439.
Q3) Thinking about the children who are coming to school hungry, are those children displaying any of the following?

- **Excessive tiredness at school**: 88%
- **Easily distracted in class**: 84%
- **Disruptive behaviour**: 74%
- **Anxiety**: 54%
- **Other**: 1%
- **None of the above**: 1%

**BASE:** Respondents who say children come to school hungry: 439.
Q4) Thinking about the school where you work, which of the following is closest to your view?

- I see children bring packed lunches with insufficient amounts of food: 27%
- I do not see children bring packed lunches with insufficient amounts of food: 79%

BASE: All Respondents: 527.
Q5) Thinking about the school where you work, which of the following is closest to your view?

- There are children at my school who skip lunch due to poverty: 65%
- No children at my school skip lunch due to poverty: 23%
- Don't know: 13%

BASE: All  Respondents: 527
Q6) Thinking about the school where you work, which of the following is closest to your view?

- 85%: There are children who are ineligible for Free School Meals who would benefit from receiving them
- 11%: There are no children who are ineligible for Free School meals who would benefit from them
- 4%: Don't know
Q7) What action, if any, is your school taking to help pupils who are not currently eligible for Free School Meals but whose families are struggling financially to cover the cost of their lunch?

- Offering support/advice on where to access food (such as a foodbank): 69%
- Providing a school meal for free: 53%
- Offering food parcels: 46%
- Other: 4%
- None of the above: 7%
- Don't know: 5%

BASE: All Respondents: 527.
Q9) How often, if at all, do you eat school lunches at work?

- Every day, or almost every day: 8%
- At least once a week: 8%
- Once a month or more: 10%
- A few times a year: 18%
- Only on special occasions such as the school Christmas Dinner: 32%
- Never: 24%
Q10) What is the reason that you never eat school lunches at work?

- They are poor quality: 27%
- I don't have sufficient time: 23%
- The cost: 21%
- They don't serve food I like: 14%
- They are unhealthy: 2%
- Other: 13%

Q11) Which of the following is closest to your view?

- The school kitchen team are provided with training on inset days (48%)
- The school kitchen team are not provided with training on inset days (36%)
- Don’t know (16%)

BASE: All Respondents: 527
Q12) Which of the following is closest to your view?

- The school kitchen team are included in senior leadership team/decision making processes: 14%
- The school kitchen team are not included in senior leadership team/decision making processes: 75%
- Don't know: 11%

BASE: All Respondents: 527
Q13) Which of the following is closest to your view?

- The school kitchen team are part of the school community: 68%
- The school kitchen team are not part of the school community: 27%
- Don't know: 5%

BASE: All  Respondents: 527
Q14) Which of the following is closest to your view?

- Food culture is an important aspect of my life at school: 59%
- Food culture is not an important aspect of life at my school: 34%
- Don't know: 6%
Q16) Thinking about the school you work at, which of the following is closest to your view?

- Improving food is a priority at my school: 50%
- Improving school food is not a priority at my school: 42%
- Don't know: 7%

BASE: All Respondents: 527
Q19) Which of the following is closest to your view?

- 48%: There is a whole school vision for school food at my school
- 40%: There is not a whole school vision for food at my school
- 11%: Don't know

BASE: All  Respondents: 527
Q20) How well, if at all, do you believe the vision is understood among staff?

BASE: Respondents whose school has a whole school vision for food: 213.
Q21) Which of the following is closest to your view?

- A whole school vision for food would be helpful (91%)
- A whole school vision for food would not be helpful (9%)

BASE: Respondents whose school does not have a whole school vision for food: 254
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