

**CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL**

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**Report to Education, Sport and Leisure Committee**

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**Date of Meeting: 20 June 2013**

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**Subject: Breakfast Clubs**

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**Report by: Head of Education**

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**1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to inform members of the progress in implementing breakfast clubs in Clackmannanshire.

**2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1. Members are asked to note the progress in implementing breakfast clubs and agree that schools should be encouraged to continue to promote breakfast clubs to parents and children and that regular reporting on uptake of breakfast should be included as part of the Education Service performance reporting.

**3.0 Considerations**

- 3.1. Following additional funding being made available as part of the Council's budget in February 2012, breakfast clubs were introduced in all schools in Clackmannanshire Council.
- 3.2. Breakfast clubs are open from 8.15am each day. Children are charged 50p per day with children entitled to free school meals receiving a free breakfast. Children can select from cereal, toast, fruit juice or a hot drink. They are supervised within the school dining area. After breakfast children are given an opportunity to take part in organised play sessions run by school learning assistants.
- 3.3. Breakfast clubs were established to promote social skills, positive behaviour and healthy eating. Evidence from the Scottish Government's commissioned research shows that attendance at breakfast clubs has the following benefits:
- 3.3.1 Provides a nutritious start to the day, which can lead to improved concentration
- 3.3.2 Improved pupil attendance
- 3.3.3 Reduces the frequency of arriving late for school

### 3.3.4 Impacts positively on behaviour

- 3.4 Headteachers in Clackmannanshire have also seen evidence of these positive benefits.
- 3.5 The average number of children attending breakfast clubs per day is 19. This varies from 34 in some schools to 10 in others. Details of the average uptake between August 2012 and March 2013 are contained in Appendix A.
- 3.6 The Education Service, through its link officers work closely with headteachers to promote breakfast clubs.
- 3.7 Information on uptake of breakfast clubs will be reported through the quarterly performance reports that are submitted to the Education, Sport and Leisure Committee.

## 4.0 Sustainability Implications

- 4.1. This report has no sustainability implications.

## 5.0 Resource Implications

- 5.1. Continued funding for breakfast clubs was approved as part of the 2013/14 revenue budget.
- 5.2 There are no financial implications Yes
- 5.3 Finance has been consulted and have agreed the financial implications as set out in the report. Yes

## 6.0 Exempt Reports

- 6.1. Is this report exempt? Yes  (please detail the reasons for exemption below) No

## 7.0 Declarations

The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

- (1) **Our Priorities** (Please double click on the check box )

- The area has a positive image and attracts people and businesses
- Our communities are more cohesive and inclusive
- People are better skilled, trained and ready for learning and employment
- Our communities are safer
- Vulnerable people and families are supported
- Substance misuse and its effects are reduced
- Health is improving and health inequalities are reducing

The environment is protected and enhanced for all   
The Council is effective, efficient and recognised for excellence

(2) **Council Policies**

**8.0 Equalities Impact**

8.1 Have you undertaken the required equalities impact assessment to ensure that no groups are adversely affected by the recommendations?

Yes  No

**9.0 Legality**

9.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes

**10.0 Appendices**

Uptake of breakfast clubs August – March 2012-13 : Appendix A

**11.0 Background Papers**

11.1 Have you used other documents to compile your report? (All documents must be kept available by the author for public inspection for four years from the date of meeting at which the report is considered)

Yes  (please list the documents below) No

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## Breakfast Club Information

August - March 2012/13

School	Average Daily Uptake	School Roll	Uptake as % of Roll
Park PS	34	193	17.55%
St. Serf's PS	31	204	15.02%
Clackmannan PS	31	243	12.56%
Sunnyside PS	30	386	7.90%
Abercromby PS	27	426	6.28%
Tillicoultry PS	22	352	6.23%
Strathdevon PS	20	220	9.13%
Claremont PS	20	178	11.24%
Banchory PS	17	112	15.35%
Alva PS	17	305	5.55%
Deerpark PS	15	145	10.03%
St. Mungo's PS	13	91	14.80%
Coalsnaughton PS	13	62	21.60%
Menstrie PS	13	239	5.52%
St Bernadette's PS	13	87	14.74%
Muckhart PS	10	55	18.88%
Craigbank PS	10	226	4.52%
St John's PS	10	261	3.81%
Fishcross PS	9	76	11.97%

