

# Dear People In Power



Primary school pupils share their experiences of school meals.

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The pupils of North Lanarkshire have written letters to the people in charge of school meals. They want to share their experiences - the good and the bad - and make their voices heard beyond the classroom, establishing an open conversation around the school dining experience.

### **The Project**

This project is a collaboration between North Lanarkshire Council, Snook, and UrbanTide, with funding from The Innovation Fund, co-funded by Scottish Government and The Hunter Foundation. The project aims to ensure that the children who need free school meals are eligible for them, can register easily, and take them up.

### **The Lessons**

The project invited 100 pupils to reflect on their school meals and school environment, discuss the food they eat, what they enjoy or don't enjoy, and identify improvements.

- P1 to P2 pupils drew their lunch; you can see their drawings throughout this booklet.
- P3 to P5 pupils wrote the letters to People in Power in this booklet.
- P5 to P7 pupils created memes around school meal rituals. These are used on social media, as posters for school dining halls, and to illustrate this booklet.

The lessons helped deliver the Curriculum for Excellence, in particular: "Through contributing my views, time and talents, I play a part in bringing about positive change in my school and wider community."

### **What happens next**

This booklet is sent to 'People in Power' in North Lanarkshire Council and Scottish Government to enable them to hear the views of young people on the ground. The project is also working with staff and carers to identify needs, and design interventions, to increase the uptake of school meals.

### **Want to know more?**

Follow the project blog: [wearesnook.com/tag/free-school-meals/](http://wearesnook.com/tag/free-school-meals/) and Twitter @wearesnook, or get in touch with [greg@wearesnook.com](mailto:greg@wearesnook.com).

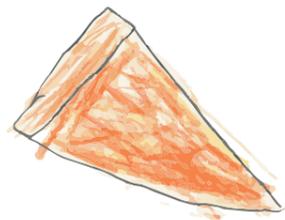
### **Thank You**

Thank you to all the staff and pupils at Calderbank Primary School and Corpus Christi Primary School who are helping carry out this research and for their enthusiasm and openness.



Dear People In Power,

I know that some people like the school dinners some dont for example people would choose fish and chips and some people would choose a burger. I would like to add chicken nuggets (healthy), fruit bowls for every single desk (resill). I want to keep chicken burger, cheese pizza, the jelly and cake, cookies, milk.



Dear People In Power,

I would like a better burger with bacon and chunky chips (healthy). 100% chicken breast. It is a bit noisy in the lunch hall and it gives me sore heads. Some times I would like it if p5,6,7 and p4 went out first and p3,1,2 stayed in and got there lunch and when they were finished p5,6,7 and p4 went in for lunch.



Dear People In Power,

The things I want to keep burgers,  
Pizza, fish fingers, macncheese.

The things I want to add are SLUSHYS,  
Hot dogs, Pineapple, chicken bread, I  
would add music all over the school  
I would LOVE STICKY TOFFEE  
pudding.



Dear People In Power,

I want  
Better burgers with bacon, NEW hot dogs, slushies

chicken nuggets, pepperoni pizza, pineapple pizza,

chicken wings, no paying anymore, sponge cake, sticky toffee pudding,

chocolate sudge cake, sushi, the classes come in at different times,

chicken bread, ~~bread~~, cheese cake, lemon cake, strawberry cheese cake, pie.

Fruit bowl for every desk, mango, bbq sauce, nachos, all the

dorito flavours. I want to keep the desserts.

cheese pizza, apples, pineapple, banana, biscuits, chicken

tikka bite, soup with bread, chicken curry,

Pizza. EN charadas, pack lunches.



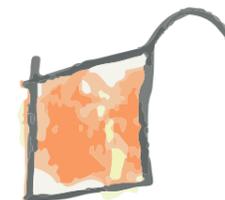
Dear People In Power,

Make the food free And I'm a Pack Lunch  
because I don't like the food but I like the Chicken  
Curry and the burgers I would like Chicken nuggets  
on the menu and for dessert: Sponge cake  
with cream and when you order a sandwich you  
should add a little chocolate bar like a Milky  
way and instead of one kind of pizza maybe add  
flavors of pizza like Pepperoni, Pineapple, ham and  
instead of a plain burger you could add a cheese  
burger with chips and add mayo sauce and for  
another dessert maybe add nachos with cheese  
maybe if someone orders a pack lunch maybe  
give them some soup with some bread.



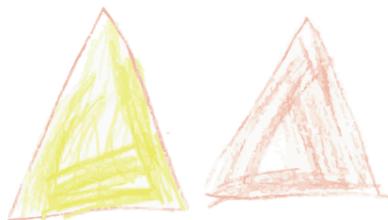
Dear People In Power,

I would like to see 100% chicken nuggets,  
sushi, hot dogs, and pineapple and ham  
pizza. I do not want biscuits, quiche.  
I like chicken tikka big bite.  
I would like nachos with sour  
cream and salsa and guacamole.  
I very like to sleep in  
the dinner hour. I would like  
music in the dinner hour and  
call we have less money  
to pay our food.



Dear People In Power,

The school lunches are yummy  
and good. but I think we need  
chickening nuggets and sushi and  
Last but not least Pineapple  
Pizza. I think we need some  
desserts and I think we need  
Some Lemon cake and carmal  
cake and very last but  
not least Cup cakes  
and it is need's to stop  
being nosa in the dinner  
hole and I like tocking  
with friends.



Dear People In Power,

I rilly like chickeny curry  
I rilly won't to chang  
Two of the menu it is  
chicken nuggets and Sausage  
rolls. I wood like more  
Oranges and apples and  
I wood like to keep the  
brownies and I wood  
like to chang the  
yoghurts to chocolate  
cake I wood like  
to chang the black  
currant to cola and Fanta.



Dear People In Power,

I like pizza for school lunch.  
I also like the burgers.  
I usually have a packet lunch  
because I don't like most of the  
other dinners like mince and pasta.  
Our dinner hall is nice but a  
bit noisy.  
I would like plain bread instead of  
brown.  
Sometimes we run out of jelly  
and cakes.

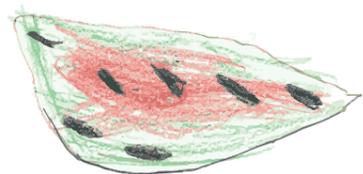


# Keep your food on the tray



Dear People In Power,

Can we please have more cookies please can you  
please get spaghetti and I do not like chunky chips  
can we please have meatballs I like the pizza a lots  
can we get chocolate milk please and chocolate  
cookies I like to sit with my friends, it is a bit  
noisy do something when we order food please.  
I need gummy bears please I NEED GUMMY  
PLEASE.



Dear People In Power,

I like the burgers when I go into the  
lunch hall I feel hungry when I sit down it  
is uncomfortable I like the fruit and  
I like the cake I would like to get  
more fruit I would like the lunch hall  
to have more I am a pack lunch  
because I don't like the samplings  
I would like chikings nagsy I would like to  
cancel one of the menus change the  
fish and chips on Friday I would like to get  
different drinks I would like to go  
out side faster and to get crisps to



Dear People In Power,

I really like the macaroni cheese  
and more pudding and ~~and~~ breakfast club  
make some porridge and some cutlery  
sets and more pears and Kiwi  
and some water and more better potatoes  
and some more cupcakes and better  
plates and some salad and some  
times chocolate toast and some  
different drinks like lemonade.

and it is too long until lunch time.  
and I like going out to after that



Dear People In Power,

I would like strawberries  
don't like broccoli  
like to play, get fresh air and have fun  
don't like packed lunches that  
much because it is a waste of food  
like milk



Dear People In Power,

I like the burgers and chicken curry and I don't like the chicken curries  
Big beat and I like too see more pullms and like the play time  
at lunchtime. Our head teacher gives us 15 minutes at play time  
and I want too see the 15 more minutes at play time  
and I want too keep orange juice and the black gunt



Dear People In Power,

I like the burgers The chicken curries  
is too spicy can you keep the fish fingers  
I would like to get <sup>bananas</sup> ~~bananas~~, I also like to the  
sandwiches  
sandwiches to be with I like that we can  
have fun I hope that we can have 15 minutes  
all the time but with people like spics  
more then me but I don't like a the loud  
nois at lunch I wish that I'd like to be  
served like a restaurant and the incase come in then  
I would like for more drinks like ~~with juice~~



# Eat at the table



Dear People In Power,

Can you keep chicken curry and fish and chip  
ollso beags, I dot like the moss in the ollwa  
and I dot like peavs. I wont to ceep  
the way we go out saeed ass lunch  
When you finish your lunch you shed  
go out saeed.



Dear People In Power,

Other people have different opinions  
like some people like fish and  
chips and other people like a  
veggy burger. It is the noisiest  
room in the school. Some times  
I have tomato sauce on my burger  
When you are in p4 you start  
paying for your dinner after lunch  
we go out side to play and  
I wish we got an extra one hour  
out side to play and I wish on  
the list of food there was hot dog  
yes I said hot dogs I really mean it.



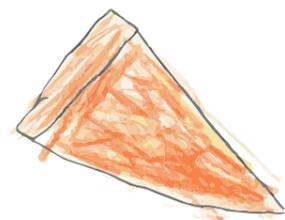
Dear People In Power,

I Do NOT Like vegetables  
I like croissant and Nutella  
and sandwiches I like fruit  
oranges and bananas I like  
eating and burgers and  
pasta



Dear People In Power,

I want to keep burgers, I want to see chicken nuggets, I want more potatoes, I want to see pears, I want to keep fish and chips, I want to get frute shoot, get a boton to pres and your food comes to you, I want more pezza, I want to see pumpkin pie.



# Use the recycle bins



Dear People In Power,

I don't really like school dinners,  
because sometimes the vegetables  
are dry. When I am a pack lunch  
I have a piece of fruit a sandwich  
and a drink of fresh orange juice  
and a chocolate bar. In the school  
dinner hall I would like them to start  
giving us chocolate milk and cheser  
burgers. After I eat my lunch on  
a tuesday I go in to rooms with  
some other kids and we play sum dog  
it is a spelling and maths game and  
it builds up my confidence.



Dear People In Power,

chicken tikka big bite  
is what I like to eat  
I like the grapes  
I like the milk.  
I like the custard  
I like the chesers.  
I want baked with lots  
of fat. I want chicken  
tea raps. I hate bake  
bafos. I like play  
time. I hate the nose  
I like the tim on  
sum dog on the laptops



Dear People In Power,

I like the fish and chips I like  
the sandwich's and like the cheese tastes.  
I wood like hot dog's I wood like  
chicking nugis. this month if you  
drinck out your milk you will  
get a stamp if you get six stamp's  
your name in a hat and if  
your name get's pickt you wine  
a scooter. and after lunch  
we go to play out siyde I  
like to play with my friend's.



Dear People In Power,

I would love chicken  
nuggets and pancake  
with honey. I have  
packed lunch

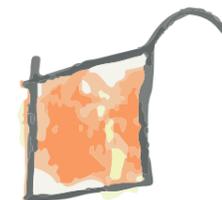


# Put your waste in the bin



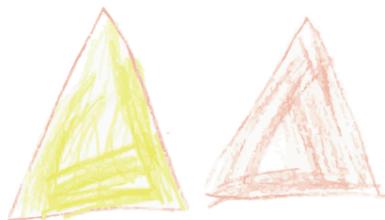
Dear People In Power,

I am mostly allergic to most of the school dinners but some I can eat some of it. For example the Burgers, and weges, and fish and chips. But what I would like on the menu would be chicken nuggets, and Hot dogs. And I would like Dr Pepper and mince and tatties I would like no egg pancake and when we play football more in the playgrounds.



Dear People In Power,

I like turkey burgers in school  
because they are nice and hot.  
I would like kitchen nuggets.  
When my little sister gets the  
dinner slip home and me and  
my family choose our school  
dinner. When I'm talking to my  
friends I can't hear my friends  
because of the noise.



Dear People In Power,

In school I usually bring a packlunch  
because I don't like the school dinners.  
I have in my packlunch yoghurt and  
fruit. My favorite drink is cola and  
my favorite treats are sour sweets.  
My favorite fruit is strawberries  
and watermelon. In the school  
dinner hall is noisy and I  
can't hear my friends when they  
talk to me. My favorite thing to do  
is talking to my friends.



Dear People In Power,

I like fish and chips and burgers but i want on the menu is a hotdog, I like that we have something different every day, I like the chocolate cake with the chocolate custard I do not like the baked potatoes. can you please put pancakes on the menu, and i like chicken curry I like the school water and milk, and i like when we do competitions when we drink 15 cartons of milk to win a stunt scooter and a helmet when we sit at the lunch table together so i can speak to my friends, and more fruit on the menu like strawberries and blue berries, when we go outside to play outside after lunch.



Dear People In Power,

I like fish and chips and jelly and chicken keema Big Bite and Chocolate cake and chocolate custard we should have Pancakes and I like getting away from work I don't like tuna pasta we do challenges like the scooter and a helmet for drinking 15 cartons of milk in the dinner hall it is really noisy and i like getting outside as i love to play Hige and football and Basketball.



Dear People In Power,

in school i like having a chikin curry and  
usely i have a dinner its really good  
my fav dinners are burgers, tuna sandwiches  
and cake. and when iam a home lunch  
i absolufely love haveing plain pasta  
with butter, in the dinner hole it very  
noisy i cant hear enen thing. my fav  
fruit is rasperrys, blackberry and  
strewberrys. when i have a pack  
lunch i like haveing sandwiches and  
crisps, harry bows, fruit and is realy  
good i wood like plain pasta with butter  
please thank you 😊😊😊😊😊😊😊😊



Dear People In Power,

I like chicken curry. I sitt with  
my friend Taylor. I have a  
paker lunch with sandwiches,  
capre sun and a chocolate bar.  
I would penny carbonara,  
and sticky toffy pudding. We  
get play time I like out  
door play time the best.  
I would like to go out when  
it is raining.



Dear People In Power,

I like fish and chips for lunch.  
I would like the school to bring  
muffins and cookies. I really  
want to bring a slip home  
to decide my meals at  
home. I like sitting next to  
my friend Ben in the dinner  
hall because he is very  
funny. At play time we  
have lots of fun toys to  
play with like puppets, snakes  
and ladders and foot ball.



Dear People In Power,

I would like to tell you how good our school  
meals are. I like the burgers, pizza, chicken curry. I would like to  
have rosberry's, blueberry's and blackberry's. I would love to  
have hot dog's as well. I really really like ~~grill~~ kebab's  
and I would like to have them on the menu.  
And everyone can fit perfect.



**Dear People In Power,**

I would like to tell you about how much I like chicken curry, burgers they taste good. I would like to have strawberries, blueberries, raspberries and blackberries and it would be good to have hotdogs and tomato sauce I don't like chese toasties. I also don't like the black currant juice because it is way to strong. The dinner hall is the right size to sit everyone in. I would like tuna pasta back. No one is squished on the benches. It would be fun to have lunch outside in the summer.



**Dear People In Power,**

I would like to tell you about how much I like the burgers, chicken curry and fish they are so tasty. I would like to have more strawberries, raspberries and blackberries and it would be nice to have fruit kebab. I really like hotdog so I would like to have hogdogs in school. I would also like tomato sause. The juices are way to strong. The dinner hall is perfect it fits everyone no one is squished. I would like in the summer to have lunch outside.



Dear People In Power,

I am going to tell you about how good chicken curry and pizza is. I would like strawberries, blueberries and it would be good to have hotdogs with tomato ketchup. I do not like apple and the blackcurrant does not taste like anything. Our dinnerhall is nice because there is enough room for everyone. I would like tuna pasta but with no sweetcorn. I will be good to have fruit kebabs.



**Eat a  
healthy lunch**

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