

*We have begun initial scoping work to develop plans to deliver free breakfast to all primary and special school children. Delivering free breakfast provision in primary and special school settings will improve the equality of access to nutritious food for children, which evidence shows can impact readiness to learn by reducing hunger.*

*In order to effectively deliver an expanded breakfast offer we need to better understand the extent of current breakfast provision across local authorities. Our priority is to map existing provision and plan what delivery of a future breakfast offer should look like to best meet the needs of children and families in Scotland.*

*We have had a few initial scoping discussions with local authorities, and are working with analysts to draft a schools survey which will help us to build the picture of existing provision. We have also been reviewing research and evidence, such as the new reports from the Scottish Poverty and Inequality Commission evaluating different models of breakfast provision delivery.*

*As work continues on building a future system of wraparound school age childcare, we are also working with colleagues to identify opportunities to combine the provision of breakfast with childcare- where it is appropriate to do so. While the provision of food mitigates an effect of poverty, access to reliable, high quality and affordable childcare addresses a root cause of poverty, by supporting parents on low incomes to enter or sustain employment.*