

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

**County Council
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SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor David Jones

Could the Portfolio Holder provide details of the cost of primary school meals per pupil to the council up to the point where the meal is served but excluding costs of the actual dining provision?

The gross cost of the preparation and delivery of school meals in the Primary sector for the 2013/2014 financial year was £2,645,444. This figure is adjusted to £2,711,051 after reducing to account for the costs incurred for setting out and removal of the dining furniture and adding back in the cost incurred in paying cashiers for the collection of dinner monies in each school, together with the cost of refuse. The number of paid and free meals provided in the sector in the year was 995,324, giving a gross cost per meal of £2.72.

The income received from paid meals for the year amounted to £1,786,583. The above costs exclude the cost of electricity, gas and water used in providing the meals; as these costs are met directly by each school's delegated budget and are not coded separately.