

Family Action to Deliver the National School Breakfast Programme for an Additional Year

Family Action is set to be the delivery partner for the National School Breakfast Programme (NSBP) for an additional year, due to an additional investment of up to £12m by the government. The funding ensures that hundreds of thousands of children, across England, will continue to be provided with a healthy and nutritious breakfast at the start of the school day.

The current version of the NSBP launched in 2021 and is funded by the Department for Education. Since the launch, and working with delivery partner Family Action, the programme currently has 2,170 schools participating and limited places remain available. Now, thanks to the additional investment, schools can benefit up until July 2024, helping to make sure children continue to receive a healthy breakfast, to set them up for the school day ahead.

Family Action's Chief Executive, David Holmes CBE, said: "We are delighted to announce that due to the National School Breakfast Programme extension, we will be able to continue supporting hundreds of thousands of children in disadvantaged areas until July 2024.

"Family Action is committed to supporting child development, and we know that a healthy school breakfast, without barrier or stigma, can set up children to succeed and give them the very best chance to learn."

Children & Families Minister Claire Coutinho said: "The National School Breakfast programme is fantastic, providing schools with over one million nutritious breakfasts to children every week. A healthy breakfast gives children a boost to their concentration and wellbeing and helps parents with the cost of the weekly shop."

David Holmes CBE concludes: "I urge any eligible school to sign up to the National School Breakfast Programme while places remain available. A healthy breakfast can make the world of difference to a child at the beginning of the school day. "

To join National School Breakfast Programme please visit: <u>www.family-action.org.uk/what-we-do/children-families/breakfast/</u> and the Family Action team will be in touch.



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Notes To Editors

About the National School Breakfast Programme

The National School Breakfast Programme (NSBP) is funded by the Department for Education and delivered by Family Action to support schools in England to provide children with a healthy breakfast at the start of the school day.

About Family Action

Family Action is a national charity committed to building stronger families and brighter lives. Since the charity was founded in 1869, we have continued to help children and families overcome the challenges they face through a wide range of practical, emotional and financial support. Today we work with more than 60,000 families in some 200 community-based services, as well as supporting thousands more through our national helpline, FamilyLine, which offers free and immediate support to adult family members and national schemes like the National School Breakfast Programme.

We help families and individuals to manage their mental health and wellbeing, working with families to reduce the impact of social isolation, poverty, addiction and other significant sources of stress and pressure. We also support families affected by adoption, special guardianship, separation, special educational needs, disability, domestic violence and sexual abuse. In addition, we provide thousands of welfare and educational grants every year to people in financial crisis. For further information, please visit our website at <u>www.family-action.org.uk</u>

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