



FixOurFood in Schools

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Welcome to the second edition of FixOurFood in Schools Network Newsletter

The FixOurFood in Schools vision is for a Yorkshire food system which is healthy for people and the planet.

Join our Network!

We hope this newsletter finds you well and that you've been enjoying the Spring season and a positive Spring term. We have some exciting updates to share with you about our ongoing efforts to improve food in Yorkshire primary schools.

Firstly, we would like to thank everyone who has participated in our active survey on school food so far. Not only does this mean you've joined the network, but your feedback

has been invaluable in shaping our advocacy efforts and will help us make a case for better food in schools. If you haven't had a chance to sign up to the FixOurFood in Schools network, make sure you have completed the survey through this link or scan this QR code. Remember that, once you've completed the survey, you'll be entered into our regular prize draw. [Link](#)



Our next prize draw:

Funded trip to the Great Yorkshire Show



To ensure you are entered into this half term's prize draw, make sure you have filled in FixOurFood in Schools' survey by 30th May. This will guarantee you have joined the network and will be in with a chance of winning a trip to **The Great Yorkshire Show** for 30 students and 3 staff members from your respective schools. Don't worry if you've already completed the survey – you're automatically added into all our draws!



Prize draw!



Last term's winners

Congratulations to the 10 FixOurFood in Schools Network schools who won last half term's prize of Veg Power's 'Grow to Love Kits'. All schools in the network are entered in all of our prize draws and these lucky schools are now part of an initiative to encourage children in the UK to eat more vegetables and learn about where their food comes from. The program provides schools with free kits containing everything they need to grow their own vegetables, including seeds, compost, and growing guides.

The program is a partnership between the UK's Department of Health, the British Nutrition Foundation, and Veg Power, a non-profit organisation that promotes vegetable consumption. The aim of the program is to help children learn about healthy eating and to make vegetables a more exciting and appealing part of their diet.

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Why is it important to have a lead governor for school food?

To date only 4% of schools, responding to our survey have a lead governor responsible for school food and only 37% have a lead staff member. Having a school governor who is responsible for food is a statutory requirement. The Department for Education recently published guidance for schools to support this and there are plenty of free resources to help governors in this role (e.g. CONNECTS-Food). Ofsted explores the impact of governors and whether they are fulfilling their statutory duties. They also look at how support pupils to make informed choices about healthy eating as part of their judgement on personal development, behaviour and welfare.

Last February, the Department of Education published a new report – School food: guidance for governors. It recommends that governors work with the Senior Leadership Team to develop a whole school food policy to ensure the statutory responsibilities highlighted in the report are being carried out.



Joining our network and using our free resource helps you to do just that. There are also links to guidance to ensure that your governing body understands

their responsibilities in relation to school food, what evidence they need to see and where they can get free support and guidance from.



Thank you for your continued support of the FixOurFood network. Together, we can make a real difference in the health and wellbeing of our children and communities. If you have any questions or feedback, please don't hesitate to contact us at fixourfoodinschools@york.ac.uk.