

CASE STUDY

EASTFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

IMPROVING SCHOOL MEAL TAKE UP BY BUILDING ON FIRM FOUNDATIONS



Prior to working with FFL, Eastfield Primary had a successful working farm that brought the wider community into the school. Head teacher, William Griffiths, was already aware of the positive effects of growing and farm visits as promoted by FFL:

“When children care for animals and grow their own produce this can have a positive effect on both behaviour and academic achievement.”

The Food for Life framework has inspired Eastfield Primary to use their experience of the great work they already do on the farm to transform their lunchtime experience and cooking provision. Teachers attended Food for Life cooking skills training sessions and effectively shared this new knowledge and understanding with other staff when they returned to school.

Since joining Food for Life the school has converted its dining service to the family dining model and now has an average of 97% uptake of free school meals, sometimes rising to 100%.