# Food For Life West Northamptonshire

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Food for Life West Northamptonshire is a three-year programme commissioned by West Northamptonshire Council. The programme supports schools and early years settings to embed a whole school approach to food, championing healthy and sustainable food.

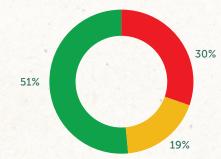
### Location of enrolled schools and early years settings



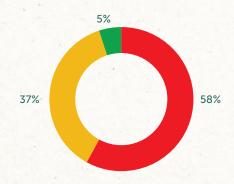
Working in areas of higher deprivation ensures that settings with greater need can still access a good food education. This aligns with West Northamptonshire Public Health's 'live your best life' strategy.

# Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) Groups





Distribution of IMD ranking in West Northamptonshire schools enrolled in Food for Life



- High deprivation (deciles 1 3)
- Middle deprivation (deciles 4 7)
- Low deprivation (deciles 8 10)

## **Food For Life West Northamptonshire in numbers**

15

enrolled schools
12 primary and 3 SEN



enrolled early years settings

103

pupils have told Food for Life how they feel about their school food



children benefitting from enhanced food education in their school

20

people supported through training sessions 100% of participants agreed they could now lead relevant food-related activities



Building a cohort of teaching professionals across West Northamptonshire who understand the whole school approach to food and know how to share their knowledge of healthy and sustainable food and practice is vital in changing school food culture across the area.

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[We have been] truly inspired by the Food for Life programme through liaising with other schools, training and great ideas and support from Jo...We are seeing children taking their inspiration home with them and promoting sustainability, recycling and growing at home, which is fantastic!

Gemma Smith, Food for Life Lead at Cedar Road Primary School



of catering network attendees agreed they now understand the catering support available from Food for Life, including why it's important to serve freshly prepared food



school and early years networks created to share learnings and build a community of good practice

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