

SAVE OUR SCHOOL FOOD STANDARDS!

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Rt Hon Theresa May MP
Prime Minister
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Dear Prime Minister

General Election 2017 – Your manifesto

The General Election presents an opportunity for the Conservative Party to further endorse the ground-breaking policy of Universal Infant Free School Meals. The policy represents your party's commitment to children's health and well-being with **1.6 million children now eating a hot, nutritionally balanced school meal**. The very act of making school meals free for all infants normalises healthy eating during those formative years. What a great gift to our children and their families.

All evidence and opinion points to one unassailable truth; what we eat impacts on our ability to live happy and healthy lives. Poor diet amongst children has a devastating effect; ill-health, low self esteem and impaired ability to achieve at school.

The policy has been endorsed by headteachers, health professionals, campaigners and MPs from all parties so we would welcome your assurances that Universal Infant Free School Meals will continue to feature in your party's manifesto.

Furthermore, we want to build on this policy and see:

- auto-enrolment for pupil premium to ensure that help gets to the children who need it most
- a review of Universal Infant Free School Meals funding formula to ensure that the policy is adequately and fairly funded
- cross-government support for the Childhood Obesity Plan and the School Food Plan so that we can deliver and build on the actions outlined
- school food standards made mandatory in all schools¹

Please send your assurances that your manifesto will include these vital commitments to children's health.

Yours sincerely

Save Our School Food Standards

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The Save Our School Food Standards campaign was launched in February 2012. The campaign represents a coalition of support for school meals with standards, led by the Jamie Oliver Food Foundation, Children's Food Campaign, Children's Food Trust, Food for Life and School Food Matters.



¹ Currently 3,896 academies formed after September 2010 and before June 2014 are exempt.