



### **Grange Primary School set up incentive scheme to maximise Pupil Premium registrations**

The healthy school meals programme is part of an initiative to tackle obesity and deprivation in Southwark. It aims to make sure children are fed well at school, do better in their lessons and have improved general health and wellbeing. Since September 2013, all Southwark primary school settings have offered a free, healthy school meal to all pupils whose parents request one.



#### **Grange Primary School**

Grange Primary School selected a random day to obtain data on school meal uptake across the school. Below are the findings for that day:

- 27% of our children that were in school on that day received a free school based on entitlement.
- 87% of children in on that day took a school meal, 60% of these children benefited from a Free Healthy School Meal (not based on entitlement).
- 13% had a packed lunch from home.

#### **Benefits of the Healthy Schools Meals Programme:**

- Grange children have access to at least one hot meal per day at no cost to families.
- An increased percentage of pupils have received balanced and healthy school meals providing the nutrition they need to do better in school.
- There has been less anxiety amongst Grange families who are on low incomes and are not eligible for free school meals.
- A family saves on average £370 per year on the cost of lunchtime meals through the Free Healthy School Meal programme.
- Those children who may not get a cooked meal at home after school have had at least one nutritious cooked meal a day.

### **Incentive scheme implemented to maximise Pupil Premium registrations**

One of the main challenges is ensuring families who are entitled to a free school meal through benefits they may be claiming actually apply for this benefit. Much of this is due to a misunderstanding of the term 'free school meal'. This affects the amount of pupil premium the school receives.

The school has deployed an incentive to families of a voucher for a free school sweatshirt for each of their children if they complete a form to establish their entitlement.