

# Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)

# Capital

- Funding allocated to maintained schools via local authorities in April 2014
- Funding for Academies to be allocated by the ACMF (outcome to be announced shortly)
- LBB's allocation for implementation of UIFSM:
  - Local Authority £600,000
  - Voluntary Aided Schools £346,000

# Revenue

- The Government rate per meal is fixed at £2.30
- Funding will be based on an 87% take-up figure x 190 days
- Additional funding for small schools minimum of £3,000
- Payment in June for the first two terms of the 2014/2015 academic year based on the January 2014 Census
- Adjustments to be made around Easter 2015 based on the January 2015 Census
- Funding is guaranteed for two years

# Legislation

- Under the Children and Families Bill the Government introduced an amendment placing a new duty on schools to provide UIFSM
- The Secretary of State has the power to extend to other year groups by Order

# Policy

- Academies, Free Schools and PRU's as well as maintained schools are included
- The Government expects that hot meals are routinely provided
- New simplified Food Standards to be implemented in January 2015 following a period of consultation

# Where are we ?

- Following visits to schools much of the capital funding has been earmarked for the purchase of additional heavy equipment such as refrigerators, freezers, combination ovens, cookers and hot cupboards
- Some schools will require minor building works to be carried out to enable extra equipment to be installed

# Where are we ?

- For schools using the in-house service all necessary additional light equipment such as plates, sectional trays, beakers, jugs and cutlery will be delivered by the end of the summer term in readiness for September
- Kitchen staffing levels have also been assessed to ensure that the necessary hours are in place for the beginning of the new term

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## Questions