

# Education, Children and Families Committee

10.00, Tuesday, 8 October 2019

## Breakfast Clubs: St Francis RC, Niddrie Mill and Ferryhill Primary Schools.

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### 1. Recommendations

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- 1.1 The Education, Children and Families Committee is asked to:
  - 1.1.1 note progress outlined in this report.
  - 1.1.2 note that the Committee has previously agreed the approach of making universal breakfast clubs available to all children attending City of Edinburgh Council mainstream primary schools.
  - 1.1.3 agree to receive a further update in two committee cycles.

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# Report

## 2. Executive Summary

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- 2.1 This report responds Councillor Perry and Councillor Dickie's amendment on the motion lodged by Councillor Laidlaw at Full Council Meeting held on 22 August 2019.
- 2.2 This report updates members of the Committee to provide measures of attendance and achievements at Ferryhill, St Francis (RC) and Niddrie Mill Primary Schools. This request responds to the replacement of Drylaw referred breakfast club and the Venchie Children and Young Peoples Project's referred breakfast club with the universal breakfast club's offer delivered in schools.
- 2.3 To meet the requirements of the motion, the report focuses on attendance and attainment of the children attending St Francis (RC), Niddrie Mill and Ferryhill Primary Schools. It does not make comment on the quality of provision delivered by either the Venchie Children and Young Peoples Project or Drylaw Telford Community Association.

## 3. Background

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- 3.1 Breakfast clubs help to support a healthy, positive start to the day for all children, but in particular, vulnerable children and their families. They make a key contribution to Council priorities by helping mitigate the effects of poverty and issues associated with low income. Breakfast clubs promote attendance, punctuality and readiness to learn. Due to the increased demand from parents and carers in work and training, breakfast clubs give added value to and align with the city's affordable childcare agenda.
- 3.2 Absent or unhealthy breakfasts are synonymous with cognitive, behavioural and health problems. Hunger at the start of the school day impacts on children's concentration and, as a result, their attainment and achievement levels.
- 3.3 In October 2015, the Education, Children and Families Committee approved the 'Breakfast Club Report' which recommended that every child attending a local authority primary school should have access to breakfast provision. The City of Edinburgh Council believes that breakfast clubs should be universally available for all children, to help prevent any potential stigmatisation. This approach has been supported by a member of the Advisory Board for the Child Poverty Action Group (CPAG)
- 3.4 Until 2015/16, both Drylaw Telford Community Association and the Venchie Children and Young People's Project received funding from City of Edinburgh

Council; Communities and Families. This grant supported the provision of referred breakfast clubs delivered in Ferryhill Primary School and in the premises of the Venchie Children and Young Peoples Project.

- 3.5 City of Edinburgh Council, Communities and Families Funding was then drawn into the 2016–19 Children and Families Revenue Grant Programme. Both the Venchie Children and Young People’s Project and Drylaw Telford Community Association submitted applications which were scored in line with other applications from across the city. The applications for funding were unsuccessful as neither organisation scored sufficiently to merit the recommendation of a grant award at this time. Both organisations were given an additional two years funding until the end of the financial year 2019. This was to allow both organisations to develop a sustainable forward plan which would take account of the fact that they would no longer receive financial support through the Revenue Grants Programme 2016-19.
- 3.6 At the Full Council Meeting held on 22 August 2019, it was agreed to provide temporary funding to the value of £10,000 to the Venchie Children and Young People’s Project. This funding will end by 31 December 2019 when officers can confirm that all referred children have successfully transitioned to the universal breakfast club in their respective schools, and that all appropriate support is in place.
- 3.7 The Venchie Referred Breakfast Club provides a breakfast club for pupils attending St Francis and Niddrie Mill Joint Campus Primary Schools. This provision offers a collection service from home to the breakfast club, from Monday to Friday throughout the academic term. Children may be referred to this service from a range of Health, Education and Social Work professionals. The breakfast club is delivered in the Venchie’s own premises and the children are accompanied to school by Venchie staff.
- 3.8 St Francis and Niddrie Mill Joint Campus Primary School deliver a combined universal breakfast club within their school premises. The universal breakfast club has been operational since the joint campus opened in August 2008.
- 3.9 Drylaw referred breakfast club provided a breakfast club for pupils attending Ferryhill Primary School. This service offered a collection service from home to the breakfast club, from Monday to Friday, throughout the academic school term. The referred provision was delivered together with the universal provision in Ferryhill Primary School. Children were referred to the Drylaw service from a range of Health, Education and Social Work professionals. The Drylaw referred breakfast club’s last day of delivery was 29 March 2019.
- 3.10 When the City of Edinburgh Council funding ended in March 2019, pupils attending Drylaw’s referred breakfast club were transitioned into the universal breakfast club in Ferryhill Primary School.
- 3.11 Ferryhill Primary School provides a universal breakfast within its own school setting. This has been operational since 2016.

## 4. Main report

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- 4.1 Currently, the Venchie referred breakfast club is operational and children from St Francis and Niddrie Mill Primary Schools continue to attend. Currently, no children have made the transition from the Venchie referred breakfast club into the schools' universal breakfast club. As a result, no comparative measures of attendance or achievement can be made at this time.
- 4.2 On 3 October 2019, the Senior Education Manager has arranged to meet with the Manager of the Venchie assisted by the Business Managers from St Francis and Niddrie Mill Primary Schools. This meeting will focus on the development of a joint plan to support individual children and families transition smoothly, from the referred breakfast club to the universal breakfast club, in the children's respective schools.
- 4.3 Appendix 1 shows the % rolling monthly attendance for the children attending the Venchie referred breakfast club compared to the attendance of the children for the rest of Niddrie Mill Primary School. Twenty four children attended the Venchie in session 2018/19, this has increased to 26 pupils for the current session. The data shows that the attendance of referred breakfast club children broadly follows the pattern of attendance for the rest of the school. In 2018/19 this showed an average of 4% lower than the rest of the school. To date in 2019/20, this has been almost 2% lower.
- 4.4 Appendix 2 shows the % rolling monthly attendance for the children attending the Venchie referred breakfast club compared to the attendance of the children for the rest of St Francis Primary School. Seven children were attending in January 2018 and this has reduced to date to three pupils from June 2018. The data shows that the attendance of referred breakfast club children broadly follows the pattern of attendance for the rest of the school. In 2018/19 the average referred breakfast club attendance was 10 percentage points below attendance compared to the rest of the school. In 2019/20, the attendance is on average 2.7 percentage points higher than the rest of the school; this represents three pupils.
- 4.5 Since 2008, St Francis and Niddrie Mill Primary Schools have delivered a joint universal breakfast club where all children are encouraged to attend. Both schools have a high number of vulnerable children with identified support needs attending. The schools know the children and families well and deliver support to ensure that the children's needs are met. The deployment of Pupil Equity Funding allows both schools to provide additional, targeted support where it is identified, this includes support for children to get to the breakfast club each morning.
- 4.6 Drylaw referred breakfast club ceased on 29 March 2019. All families attending the Drylaw referred breakfast club were offered a free place in the Ferryhill universal breakfast club. From this group, two families declined the offer; however, children's school attendance remains high. There is no evidence to suggest that the attendance of children who previously attended the referred breakfast club has been affected negatively by the changes in breakfast club arrangements. Ferryhill has expanded its capacity to support their most vulnerable families by offering free

places in the universal breakfast club, this has allowed the school management team to target families and offer additional support where and when it is needed.

- 4.7 Appendix 3 shows the rolling monthly % attendance for the 15 children attending the Drylaw referred breakfast club, against the attendance of the rest of the children attending Ferryhill Primary School. Data shows that the attendance of Drylaw referred breakfast club children broadly follows the pattern of attendance for the rest of the school. The attendance of children attending the Drylaw breakfast club was lower than the attendance of the rest of the school in January 2019 by 15 percentage points.
- 4.8 Point 4) of the amendment to the Motion by Councillor Laidlaw asks '*...to therefore request officers investigate how the Venchie, and any other Third Sector Organisation, can work in partnership to provide holiday programmes, after school provision and wider support for young people and families....*'

**Discover!** is a Lifelong Learning Service programme which works across the city and with partners during school holidays. It offers fun learning activities, trips, cooking, support, advice and guidance, breakfast, lunch and transport. Families are recommended by schools and partners. **Discover!** has 3 aims which combine to improve outcomes for families living in poverty taking account of the difficulties school holidays can present and the impact on children's learning.

Both EVOC (Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations Council) and LAYC (Lothian Association of Youth Clubs) have attended **Discover!** Steering Group meetings, helping contribute to planning and oversight of the holiday programme. Lifelong Learning Officers (who organise **Discover!**) attended 2 meetings with the LAYC Managers and Charis in June and September 2018 and regular meetings with EVOC were held through the early part of 2019.

More recently and following a meeting between EVOC, Children, Young People and Families Network and Lifelong Learning, a pilot 'working together' group has been set up. This group comprises Lifelong Learning strategic and locality staff, Sandy's, Magdalene, the Jack Kane Community Centres, the Venchie and chaired by EVOC. The purpose is to explore how organisations can work together to ensure that holiday provision and term time activity offered by the third sector and Lifelong Learning can best meet the needs of children and their families. This group met on 20 August, 18 September and meets again on the 13 November at Magdalene Community Centre.

## 5. Next Steps

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- 5.1 Ferryhill Primary School will continue to monitor, track and measure attendance for children who previously attended the Drylaw referred breakfast club for the remainder of the academic year until June 2020. Through this process, the school will engage in a timely manner with families and appropriate agencies through the 'Getting it Right for Every Child' approach.

- 5.2 The agreed programme to transition the children attending the Venchie's referred breakfast club into the respective schools' universal breakfast club will be implemented to support families between October and December 2019.
- 5.3 When children currently attending the Venchie referred breakfast club have transitioned to the universal breakfast club, both St. Francis and Niddrie Mill Primary School staff will monitor, track and measure attendance for individual children. Through this process, the schools will engage in a timely manner with families and appropriate agencies in line with the 'Getting it Right for Every Child' approach. Measures of attendance and achievement will commence when individual children transition to the universal breakfast club and will be reviewed at the end of the academic session.
- 5.4 All schools will continue to implement the successful strategies to close the poverty related attainment gap.

## **6. Financial impact**

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- 6.1 There is no direct financial impact arising from this report.

## **7. Stakeholder/Community Impact**

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- 7.1 Officer engagement with the City of Edinburgh Council funded breakfast clubs to ensure breakfast club delivery is aligned with current strategic direction.

## **8. Background reading/external references**

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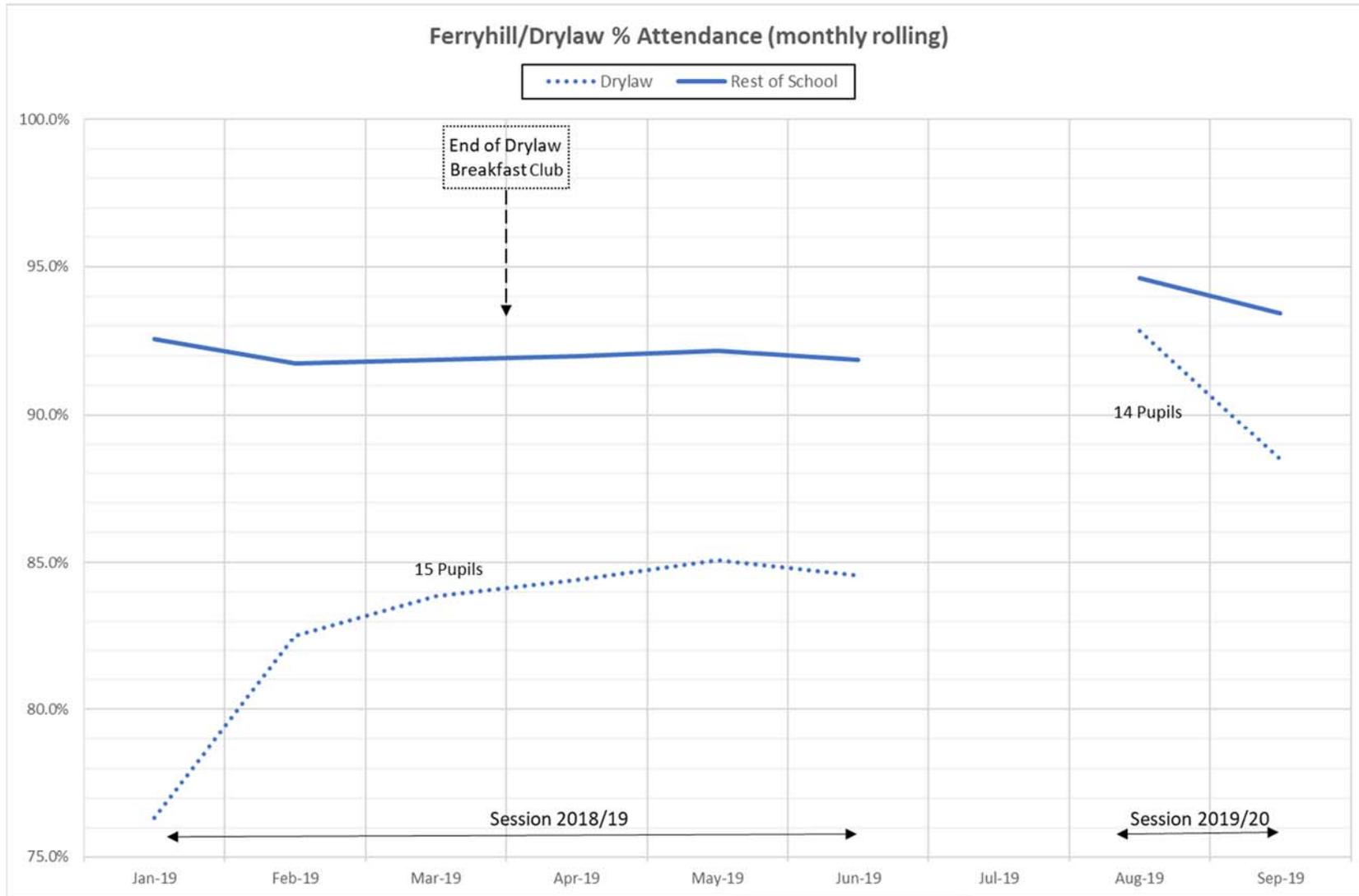
- 8.1 Education, Children and Families Committee Report: Breakfast Club Development Fund, December 2015.
- 8.2 Education, Children and Families Committee Report: Breakfast Club Development Fund, December 2016.
- 8.3 Education, Children and Families Committee Report: Breakfast Club Update Report, December 2017.
- 8.4 Care Inspectorate Report: Venchie Children and Young people's Project – Day care of Children, 7 May 2019.
- 8.5 Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.
- 8.6 2019 National Improvement Framework & Improvement Plan.
- 8.7 'Every Child, Every Chance: Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan 2018 – 2022.
- 8.8 Healthy Eating in Schools: A guide to implementing the nutritional requirements for Food and Drink in Schools (Scotland) Regulations 2008.

## **9. Appendices**

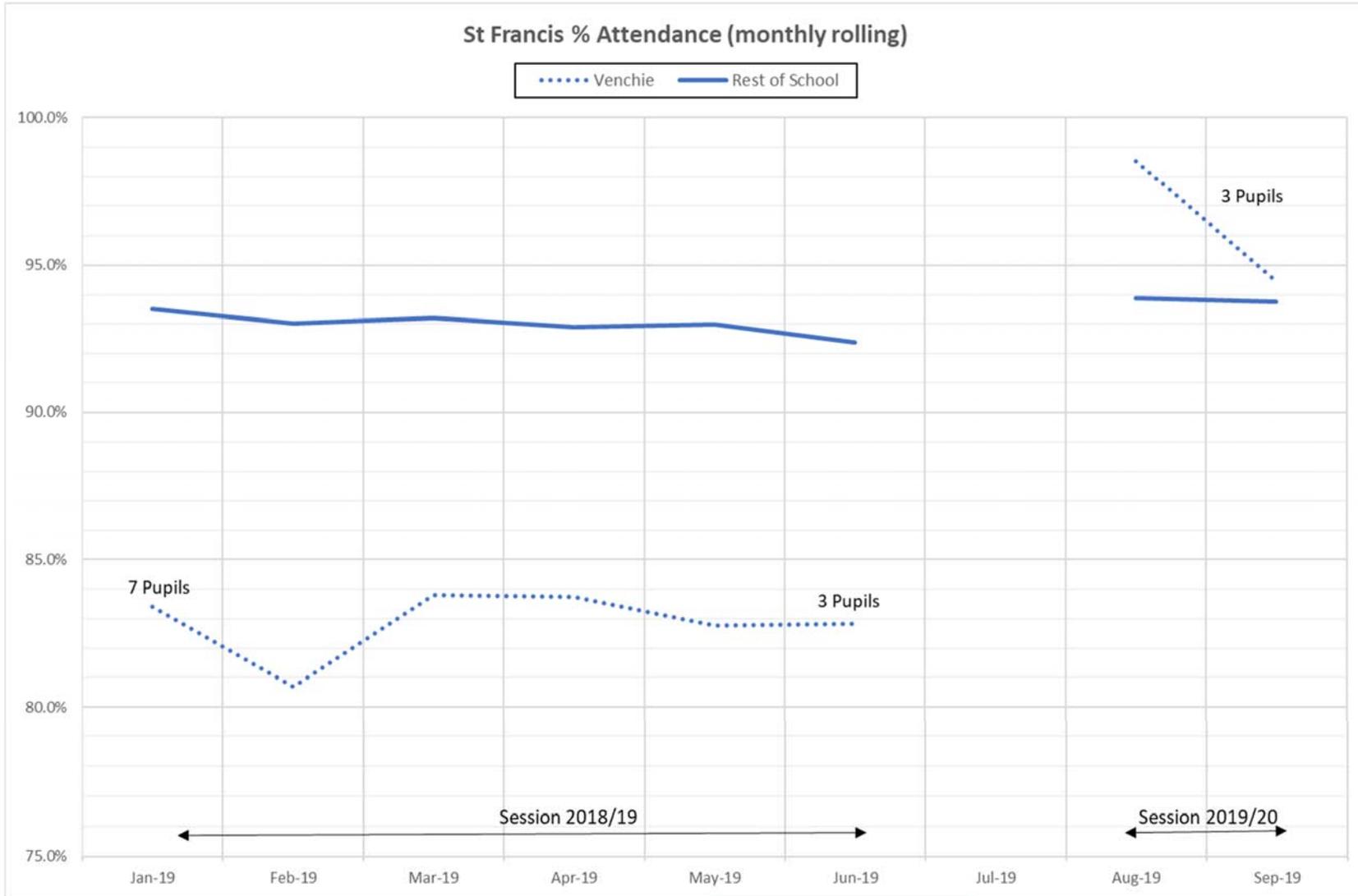
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- 9.1 Appendix 1: Ferryhill/Drylaw % Cumulative Attendance
- 9.2 Appendix 2: St Francis/Venchie % Cumulative Attendance
- 9.3 Appendix 3: Niddrie Mill/Venchie % Cumulative Attendance
- 9.4 Appendix 4: Breakfast Clubs showing relevant funding streams and partnerships

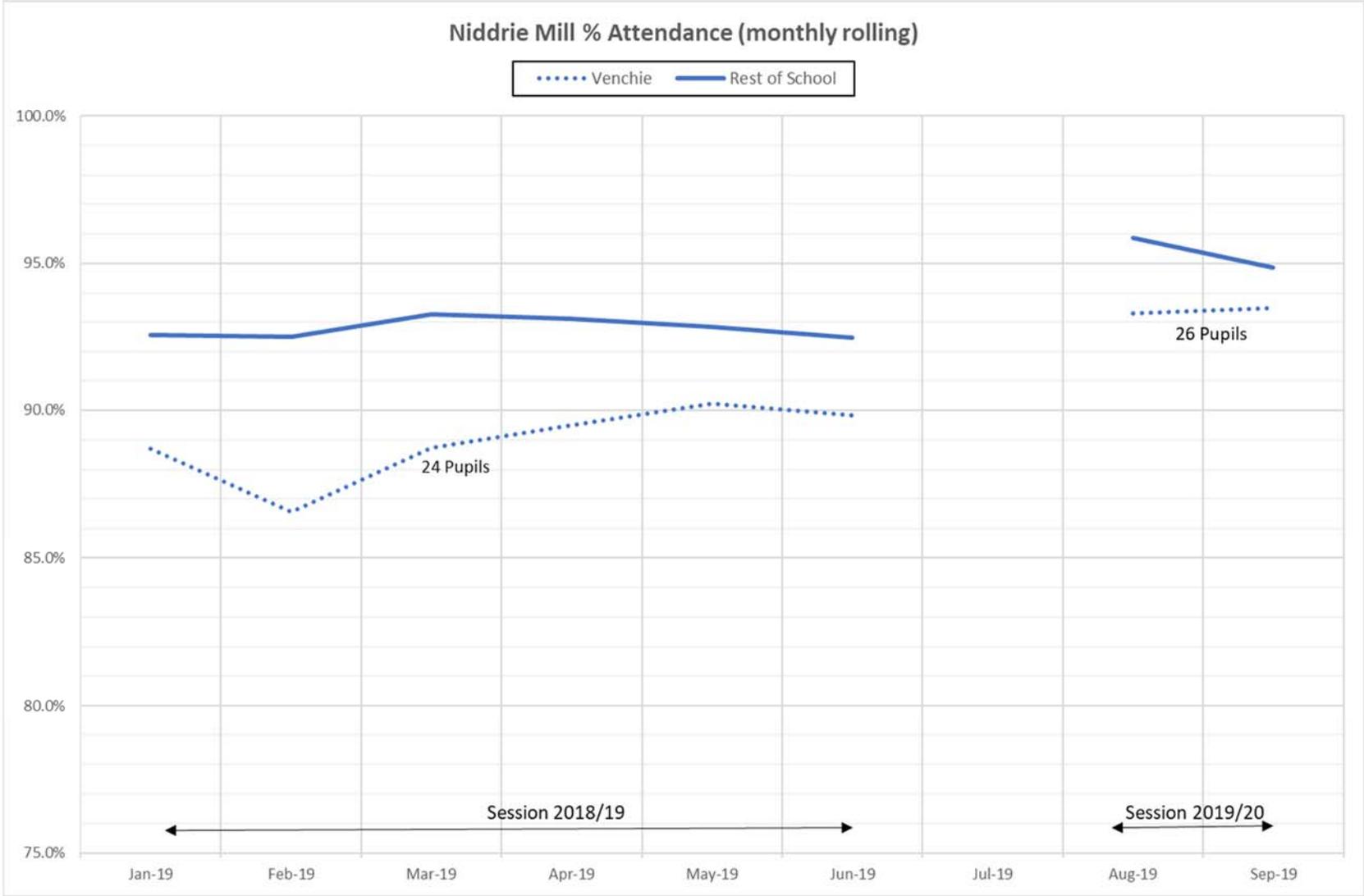
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Appendix 2



Appendix 3



## Primary School Breakfast Clubs with relevant funding streams & partnerships

### Appendix 4: 2018/19

No.	School breakfast clubs supported by Communities and Families, Schools and Lifelong Learning Funding	Supplementary sponsorship
1/2	Broomhouse /St Josephs Primary School	Magic Breakfast
3	Broughton Primary School	
4	Brunstane Primary School	
5	Castleview Primary School	Magic Breakfast
6	Craiglockhart Primary School	
7	Craigour Park Primary School (jointly managed by Childcare Connections)	
8	Craigroyston Primary School	Greggs Foundation
9	Craigentenny Primary School	
10	Dalry Primary School	
11	Dean Park Primary School	
12	Ferryhill Primary School	
13	Forthview Primary School	Greggs Foundation
14	Gilmerton Primary School	
15	Gracemount Primary School	
16	Hillwood Primary School	
17	Leith Walk Primary School	FareShare
18	Lorne Primary School	FareShare
19	Murrayburn Primary School	
20/21	Niddrie Mill/St Francis Primary School	
22	Oxgangs Primary School	
23/24	Pirniehall/St David's Primary School	Greggs Foundation
25	Prestonfield Primary School	FareShare
26	Queensferry Primary School	
27	Ratho Primary School	
28	Royal Mile Primary School	
29	Stockbridge Primary School	
30	St Catherine's RC Primary School	Greggs Foundation and Scotmid
31	St John Vianney RC Primary School	
32	St Mark's Primary School	
33	St Mary's (Leith)	
34	Stenhouse Primary School	
35	The Royal High Primary School	FareShare
36	Trinity Primary School (two providers: one council one private)	
37	Victoria Primary School	FareShare
38	Wardie Primary School	

<b>Sponsored Breakfast Clubs</b>		
<b>1</b>	Clovenstone Primary School	Aegon Partnership
<b>2</b>	Colinton Primary School	Aegon Partnership
<b>3</b>	Granton Primary School	Aegon Partnership
<b>4</b>	Sighthill Primary School	Aegon Partnership
<b>6</b>	Balgreen Primary school	AEGON Partnership
<b>7</b>	Canal View Primary School	Turner and Townsend(Kellogs)
<b>8</b>	St Cuthbert's Primary	Aberdeen Standard
<b>9</b>	Liberton Primary	Aberdeen Standard

**C&F funding provided to special schools to support 'breakfast activities'**

<b>No</b>	<b>School delivered in</b>
1	Gorgiemills – Sponsored by Magic Breakfast
2	Kaimes
3	Oaklands
4	Pilrig Park
5	Prospect Bank
6	Rowanfield - sponsored by Magic Breakfast
7	Woodlands
8	St Crispin's

**Private Providers delivering breakfast clubs in primary schools.**

**Oscars, Kidzcare, Scoosh and Holycross clubs are offering places at no cost to support vulnerable families. Free places are allocated at the discretion of the school management team.**

<b>No.</b>	<b>School delivered in</b>	<b>Private Provider</b>
1	Abbeyhill Primary School	Scoosh
2	Preston Street	Scoosh
3	Blackhall	Oscars
4	Carrick knowe	Oscars
5	Currie	Oscars
6	Echline	Oscars
7	East Craigs	Oscars
8	St John's	Oscars
9	Leith	Oscars
10	Nether Currie	Oscars
11	Roseburn	Oscars
12	Crammond	Oscars
13	Buckstone	Oscars
14/15	St Margarets/Dalmeny	Oscars
16	Pentland	Oscars

17	Bonaly	Wonderweans
18	Bruntsfield	Kidzcare
19	Duddingston	Kidzcare
20	Fox Covert	Kidzcare
21`	Fox Covert RC	Kidzcare
22	Parsons Green	Kidzcare
23	St Peter's RC	Kidzcare
24	Corstorphine	Smilechildcare
25	Tollcross	Gingerbread
26	Bun-sgoil Taobh na Pairce	Oganan
27	Hermitage Park	Social Ball Kids
28	Davidson's Mains	North Edinburgh Childcare
29	Juniper Green	North Edinburgh Childcare
30	Trinity	North Edinburgh Childcare
31	Craigour Park	Childcare Connections and jointly managed by the school
32	Gylemuir	Private provider
33	James Gillespie's	School is Out
34	Newcraighall	ELOSCN

#### **Parent/Committee led breakfast clubs (Not for Profit)**

<b>No.</b>	<b>School delivered in</b>	<b>Parent/Committee Led</b>
1	Clermiston Primary	Clermiston ASC
2	Kirkliston	Kirkliston ASC
3	Longstone	Longstone ASC
4	South Morningside	South Morningside ASCC
5	Deanbank	South Morningside ASCC
6	Towerbank	Towerbank ASC
7	St Ninian's	St Ninian's Kids Club
8	Holy Cross	Holycross ASC
9	Flora Stevenson's	Flora Stevenson's ASC
10	Sciennes	Sciennes Afterschool Care Scheme (SASCS)
11	St Mary's (Edinburgh) RC	Parent Led

#### **Referred breakfast clubs in receipt of City of Edinburgh Council funding, delivered by community organisations**

1	Venchie Children and Young People's Project: delivered to Niddrie Mill/St Francis children but not delivered in school
2	Royston/Wardieburn Community Centre and Granton Primary School but not delivered in school