



Easy Read guide to the Bright Start Breakfasts Fund

What this guide is about



This is information about a fund for organisations that run breakfast clubs for primary school children.



The fund is about money to help to pay for expanding existing breakfast clubs and making new breakfast clubs.



The fund is called the Bright Start Breakfasts Fund.

What the fund is for



The Bright Start Breakfasts Fund helps schools start or grow breakfast clubs in Scotland. The aim is to help families who need it most.



The fund helps children in primary school get breakfast.



The fund wants to make sure all children can have breakfast, no matter where they live or how much money their family has. It will also give them more chances to play and improve school attendance.



For families, the fund helps improve job chances, reduce stress from childcare, and lower food costs.

Who can apply



You can apply if you are a primary school, local authority, charity or third sector organisation, registered childcare provider, activity provider, parent or volunteer group, or childminding group.



You must have a bank account in the name of your organisation and a main person to contact about your application.



You can ask for money for one or more clubs. Each club is checked separately. You need to give details about each club in the application.

What you can apply for



Money is for new clubs or making clubs bigger. You can use it to start a new club, extend hours or capacity of the club, add childcare or activities, or increase resources including staff.



Money can pay for staff and training, equipment and food, cleaning, rent, transport, and management costs.



You can ask for £8,000 to £12,000 per club.



You must explain why the club is needed. Reasons can be that the club is full, no clubs, or community feedback.

What your breakfast club should be like



Clubs can be in schools or other places. Non-school places need safe ways for children to get there.



Clubs can be free, partly paid, or mixed. The fund helps different types of clubs to suit local needs.



You must show how you identify and help families most at risk of poverty. You should work with schools, local authorities, and third sector organisations.



Clubs must run during school terms before school for less than 2 hours. They should be easy to get to and welcome all families.



Clubs need to follow safety rules. Staff must have PVG membership and food handling certification, and clubs must have a Safeguarding children policy.



Clubs must give a healthy breakfast. You must say what food you will offer and how it will be stored.



Funding is for the 2025/26 school year. Clubs should start by August 2025. New clubs have some time to set up but must start by October 2025.

How to apply



To apply, use the online form.
You will need to upload a budget.
You can draft answers in Word
before submitting the online form.



Deadline for applications is 2 June
2025 at 12 noon.



Inspiring Scotland will give decisions
from 13 June 2025. First payments
begin in August 2025 after receiving
needed documents.



If you need more help, contact
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