

Frequently Asked Questions – Free Breakfast Club Trial (Bagel Bites Club)

1. What is the free breakfast club trial?

The trial is part of a government initiative to provide a free, nutritious breakfast for primary school children before the school day starts. Sherwell Valley Primary is taking part in this trial ahead of a planned nationwide rollout next year.

Our free breakfast club will be called the Bagel Bites Club and will run alongside Carebears, which remains an option for families who need earlier childcare.

2. Will there still be a club from 7:45am?

Yes! Carebears will continue to run as usual from 7:45 am (please do not drop children before this time), and we are pleased to share that it is included as part of the trial. As a result, the cost will be reduced to £2 per session during the trial period.

3. Who is eligible to attend?

All children in **Reception to Year 6** at Sherwell Valley Primary are eligible to attend the free breakfast club trial. There are no income or eligibility criteria—this is open to all families.

4. What time does the Bagel Bites Club start?

Bagel bar runs for 30 minutes before the school day starts, from 8:15 am to 8:45 am. The gate will be open from 8:15am to 8:25am. Admittance after 8:25am will be refused.

Children in Reception to Year 4 must be accompanied by an adult to sign in.

5. Where will the Bagel Bites Club be held?

The Bagel Bar will be separate from the Carebears provision and will be based in the junior hall and dining room. Entrance to Bagel Bites Club will be via the music room, where the children will need to sign in.

6. What food will be provided?

Children will receive a healthy breakfast, which may include cereals, bagel, fruit, yogurts and drinks such as milk or squash. The menu follows government nutritional guidelines.

7. How do I sign my child up?

To book a place, please use the booking system on the school gateway which is now available.

To ensure we operate safely and efficiently **ALL** children must pre-book a space by the booking deadline which is 10 days in advance.

8. Will there be supervision?

Yes, staff will be present to supervise and support children throughout the session.

9. Can my child attend every day?

Yes! Children can attend daily, but you must sign up in advance to secure a place.

10. What happens after the trial?

The trial is designed to evaluate the benefits of free school breakfasts. If the government decides to continue the program, more details will be provided about ongoing access. However, the school also may decide to pull out of the initiative at any time if it is deemed unsuccessful.

11. My child has allergies or dietary requirements—can they still attend?

Absolutely! Please ensure you keep us up to date on your child's dietary needs via the school office and we will ensure suitable options are available.

12. Who can I contact for more information?

For any further questions, please contact admin@svps1.com.