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Did your council apply for money from the Scottish Government's school meal debt fund?
(Details of the fund - <https://www.gov.scot/news/helping-clear-school-meal-debt/>)

Yes

If yes, how much did you receive and on what date did you receive it?

We received funding of £89,321 in March 2025

How much debt remained after you received money from the fund?

The remaining school meal debt amount as at 31st March 2025 was £ 5,514

What is the current amount of school meal debt now owed to the council by families?

Our current school meal debt as at 30th June 2025 is £7,788

How many families current owe money for school meal debt?

We do not hold this information for the June 2025 debt amount.

Did the council share information about the school meal debt fund with schools in the local authority, and, if so how was this communicated?

Schools are regularly reminded to support and encourage parents/carers to apply for Free School Meals via the City of Edinburgh Council website <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/food-clothing/free-school-meals-school-clothing-grants>

Did the council share information about the school meal debt fund with parents and, if so, how was this communicated?

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