



2: WHY are children in your school throwing away food?



Introduction

You know WHICH FOODS children are throwing away in your school. Now you need to find out WHY children are throwing away some of their food instead of eating it.

When you have completed this survey, use the BHee interview template to help you find out adults' views on food waste. Then you will be ready to make a plan to REDUCE food waste in your school.



Instructions

1. Stand where you can talk to children after they have cleared their plates and before they go out to play. (Make sure you don't block any doorways or get in the way of the lunchtime staff.)
2. As children walk past, ask them if they threw away any of their school dinner. If they reply "yes" ask them why and use a tally to record their answers on the recording sheet.
3. If their answer is not listed, make a note of the reason on a separate sheet of paper and put a tally mark in the 'other' section.
4. If you decide just to ask a sample of the children, make sure you include both boys and girls, and different ages.

You could also carry out this survey in each class. After lunch time, read the reasons for throwing away food to the class, then ask children to put their hands up to indicate which reason applies to them today.

It is a good idea to repeat this survey on different days to see if the reasons for food waste change.

Why did you throw away food from your school dinner today?

Record pupils' answers in the table below using a tally.



I had too much food.	My food was cold.
TOTAL	TOTAL
I didn't like the food.	I was in a hurry.
TOTAL	TOTAL
I don't enjoy being in the dining hall.	Other
TOTAL	TOTAL

Survey carried out by:

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