

**Motion tabled as Urgent Business  
for South Ayrshire Council meeting of 25 June 2026**

Council notes with regret that two existing school breakfast clubs are scheduled to close next week – a commercially operated facility at Struthers Primary, and a short-term funded initiative at Ayr Grammar Primary.

Council recognises the important role of breakfast clubs, in enabling children – some of whom would otherwise arrive at school with an empty stomach – to have a proper breakfast; and also, in supporting parents who need to travel to work in the morning.

Council further notes the expectation of the Scottish Government delivering universal provision of breakfast clubs, extending the Bright Start programme to all primary and special schools from August 2027.

Council believes it would be a step backwards if these two local schools were to lose out on breakfast club provision for a year, before having it reinstated; and therefore resolves to make breakfast club provision available to the children attending these breakfast clubs which will prevent the loss of provision where it currently exists, from as soon as practicable after the start of the 2026 Autumn Term for a period of one year.

Consequently, it is agreed that estimated costs of £40,000 be made available for draw down from uncommitted reserves, should alternative arrangements (including an alternative commercial provider at Struthers and additional Bright Start funding for Ayr Grammar) reduce or preclude the need for additional direct spend. Funds would be able to cover operation of these breakfast clubs on a one-off basis for a maximum of one year.

Proposed:

Councillor Craig Mackay



Seconded:

Councillor George Weir

