**Affordable School Network- Financial Wellbeing Update**

### Financial Foundations Plan

Mark Tidey (MT) explained that the plan had six aspects: financial foundations (good financial education), a borough of savers, credit counts, access to debt advice, future planning, and digital inclusion. MT was keen for people to join a working group to deliver the plan, particularly the financial foundations/financial education aspect. MT noted that partners such as the Educational Business Partnership were already on board.

### Working Group Opportunity

MT expressed his desire for people to join a working group to deliver the plan. He suggested that the financial foundations/financial education aspect could be particularly relevant and welcomed input from attendees.

### My Bank Online Session

MT mentioned ‘MyBnk’ who were offering an online session on 26 June for secondary schools and youth organisations: [www.mybnk.org/](https://www.mybnk.org/)

### Affordable School Day Padlet Page

MT highlighted that there was a Padlet page specifically for the affordable school day, accessible via a link. MT would put the link in the chat. The Padlet page contained a link to a general Padlet offering various resources, including information on organisations mentioned by Emma, Warm Safe Wiltshire, and local and national information.

<https://padlet.com/costofliving/affordableschoolday>

<https://padlet.com/SBCFood/food>

### Accessing Food in Swindon Leaflets

MT stated that one of the things that they had put together was the Accessing Food in Swindon leaflets. If attendees followed the link, they would be able to download it. MT had sent all these things out on his bulletin, which was updated whenever it was required, usually about monthly. It contained places where people could get food, but also some of the places where people could get healthy start vitamins. MT added that if people wanted to join that network and were able to distribute them, they were welcome to do so. You can access the leaflet at <https://feedingswindon.wordpress.com/feeding-swindon-partnership-food-distribution-leaflet/>

**Money Guiders Programme**  
MT explained that the Money Guiders Programme was provided by the Money and Pension Service. Paul Fox from MaPS had spoken about it earlier in the year at the Affordable Schools Network. The Money Guiders Programme was a programme especially to train people that have conversations about finances but are not regulated. It was for anybody that talks to someone about money that does not work in a bank, building society, or as a financial advisor. The programme consisted of an online training tool that people could do at their own pace and offered knowledge and resources. MT noted participants from Swindon.

During the recent Food Distributors meeting, Ange Jones from MaPS offered a presentation on the Money Guiders Programme. You can watch the recording, a 20-minute overview, at <https://youtu.be/-6x0yANXFj8>

For more information about the Money Guiders training, please visit the [Money Guiders website](https://maps.org.uk/money-guiders/). To join the course, please register your interest on the following link

<https://forms.office.com/e/Rtjn8XHey5>

If you have any questions, please contact Mark at [mtidey@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:mtidey@swindon.gov.uk)

**Money Helper Website**  
MT stated that the Money and Pension Service and others provide the Money Helper website. It is a good resource if attendees had a question and had to give somebody guidance, rather than advice. MT noted that the Money Helper website also allowed attendees to download leaflets. MT explained that he had boxes of these leaflets that he ordered, and that they were free. Attendees could order them through the link, and because they were public sector, they are free, although there is a limit. <https://www.moneyhelper.org.uk/en>

**Jamie Oliver Cookery School**  
MTinformed attendees about Jamie Oliver Cookery School, which was looking to break the world record for the largest cookery lesson on 1 July 2025. The lesson involved making pasta from scratch with a no-cook tomato sauce. <https://www.jamieoliver.com/jamies-world-record-attempt-2025/>