



# York Universal Free School Meal Pilot: Quantitative Analysis

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#### Pilot designs

#### **Breakfast Pilot**

- 121 pupils (54% girls, 46% boys), 36% eligible for a FSM.
- Daily free breakfast club run for 20 minutes before school in addition to existing paid-for childcare.
- Fortnightly menu rotation.

#### **Lunch Pilot**

- 470 pupils (50% boys, 50% girls), 36% eligible for a FSM.
- Free school lunch available to all pupils at the school (previously £2.50 per day).
- Three-week menu rotation each term. Four choices: main, vegetarian main, jacket potato, cheese panini.



#### Data collection

Data routinely collected by schools was made available:

Burton Green: Breakfast Pilot

- Individual attendance & punctuality by term (4 x terms)
- Number of pupils attending BC each day

Westfield: Lunch Pilot

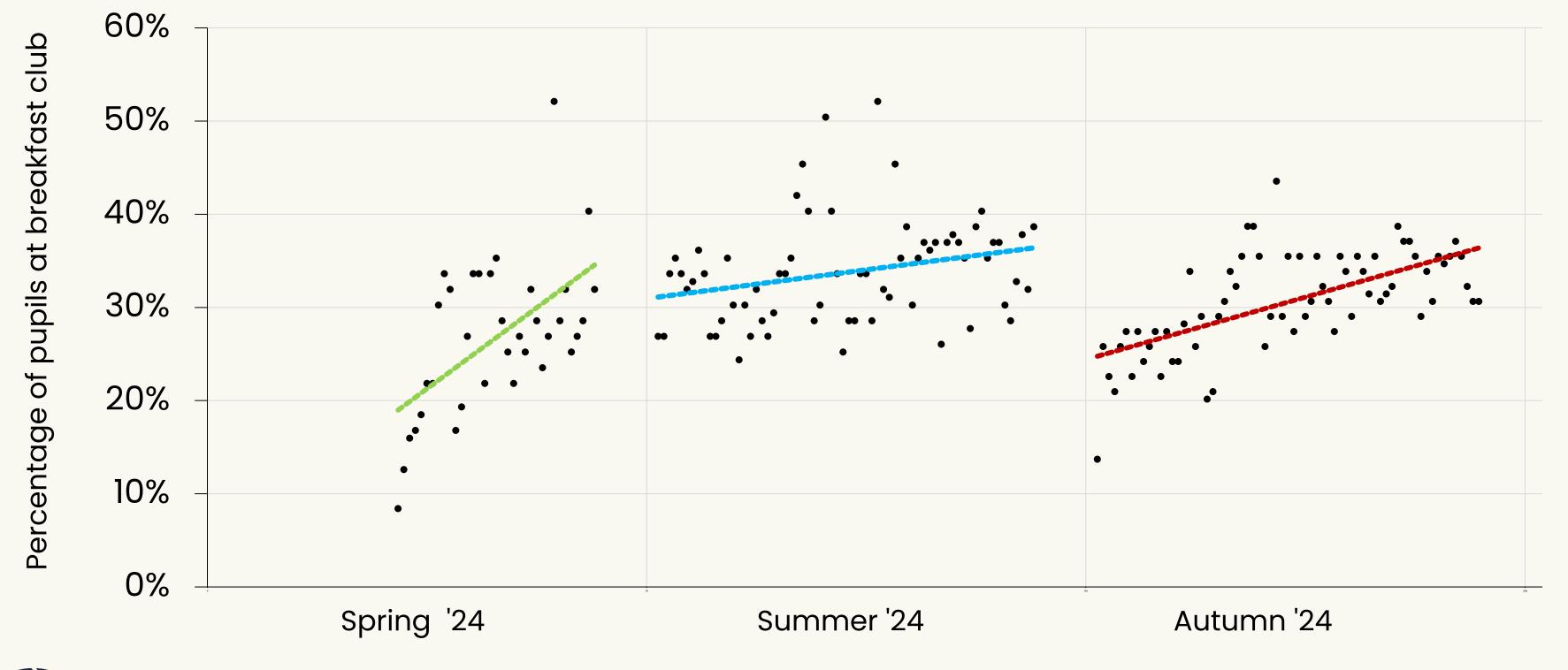
- Individual attendance data by term (6 x terms)
- Each pupils daily lunch choice

Both schools: each pupils' year group, gender, & FSM eligibility status





# Breakfast Pilot: Uptake

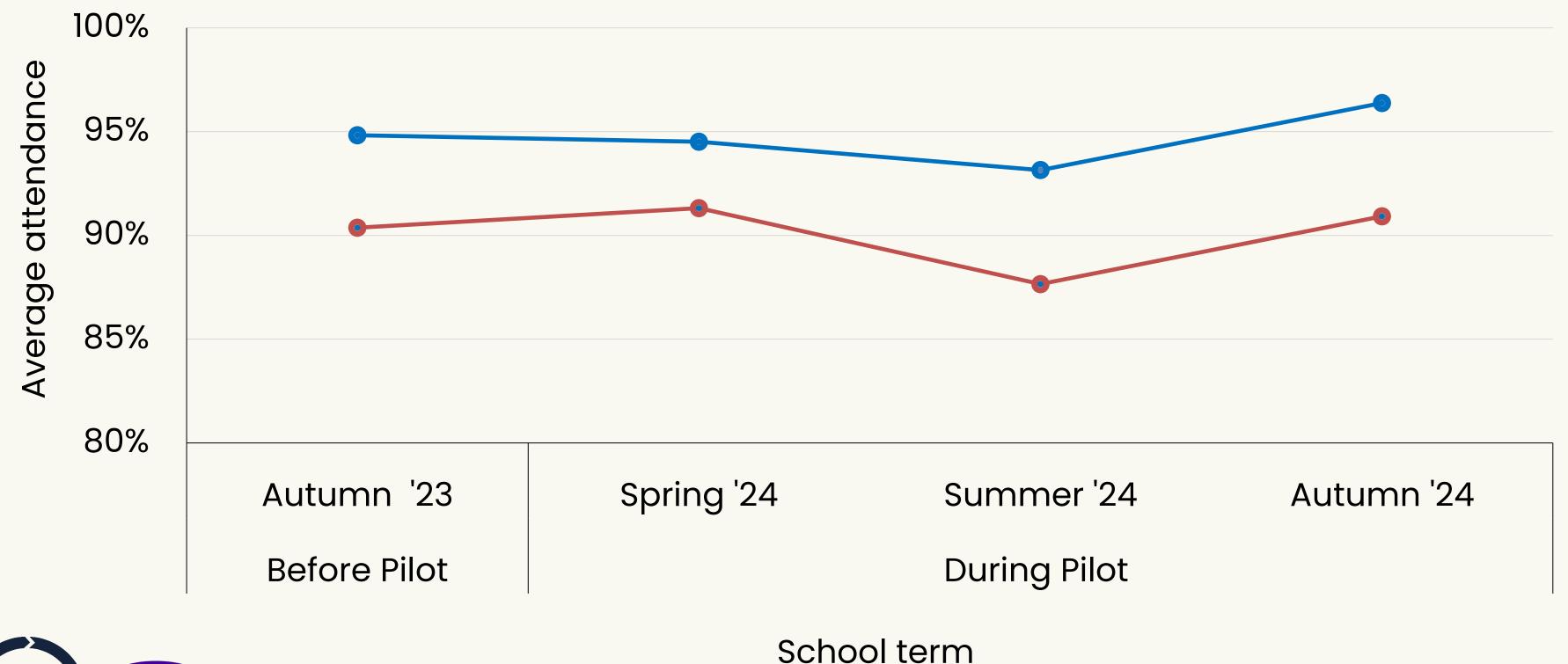






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# Breakfast Pilot – school attendance split by FSM eligibility

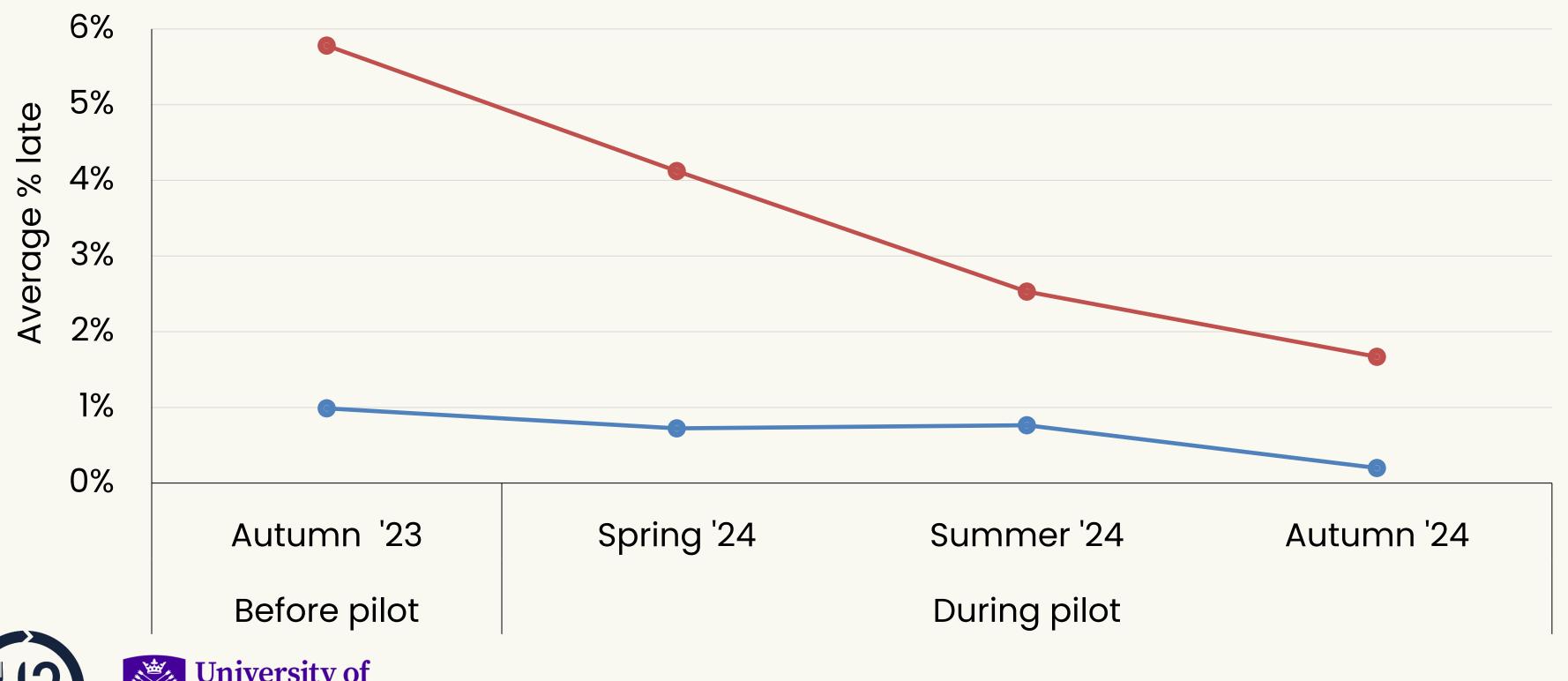








# Breakfast pilot – punctuality split by FSM eligibility

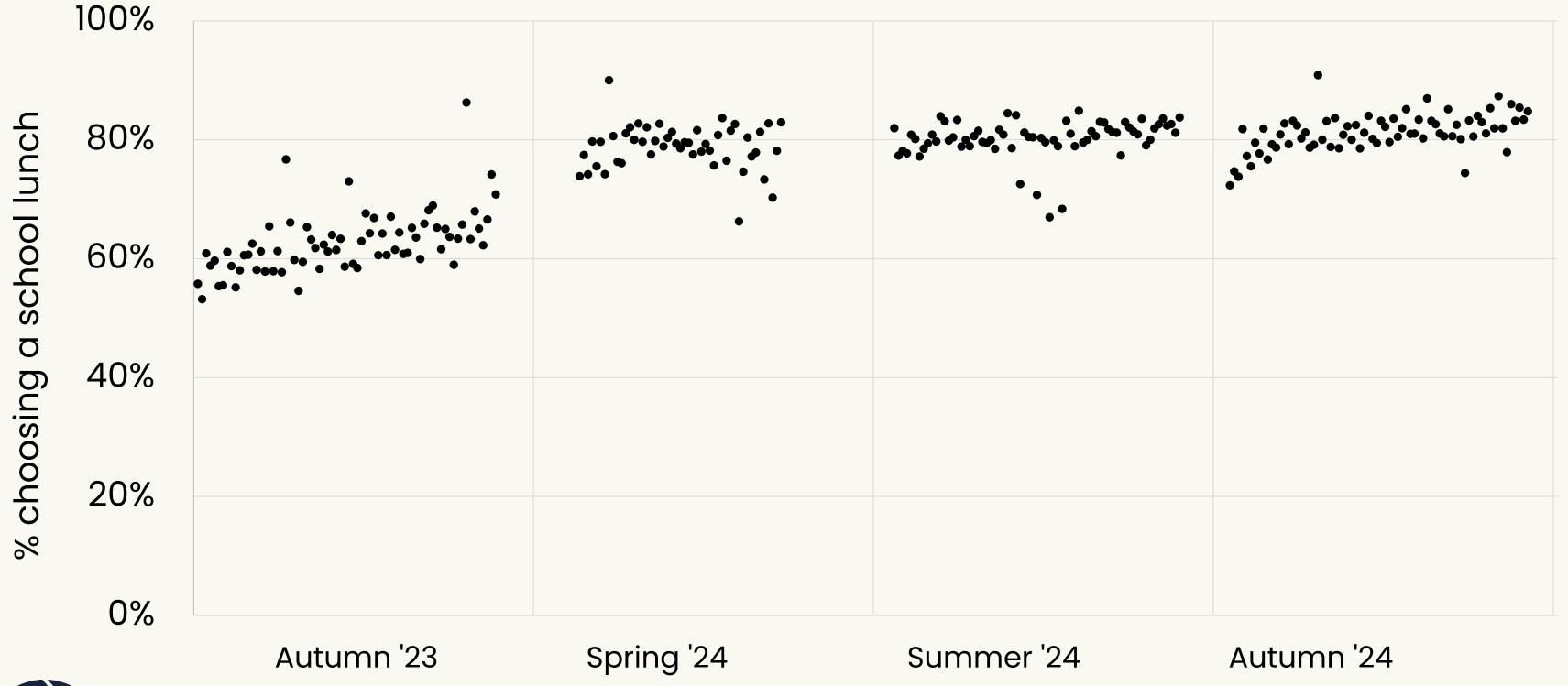






School term

### Lunch Pilot – lunch uptake

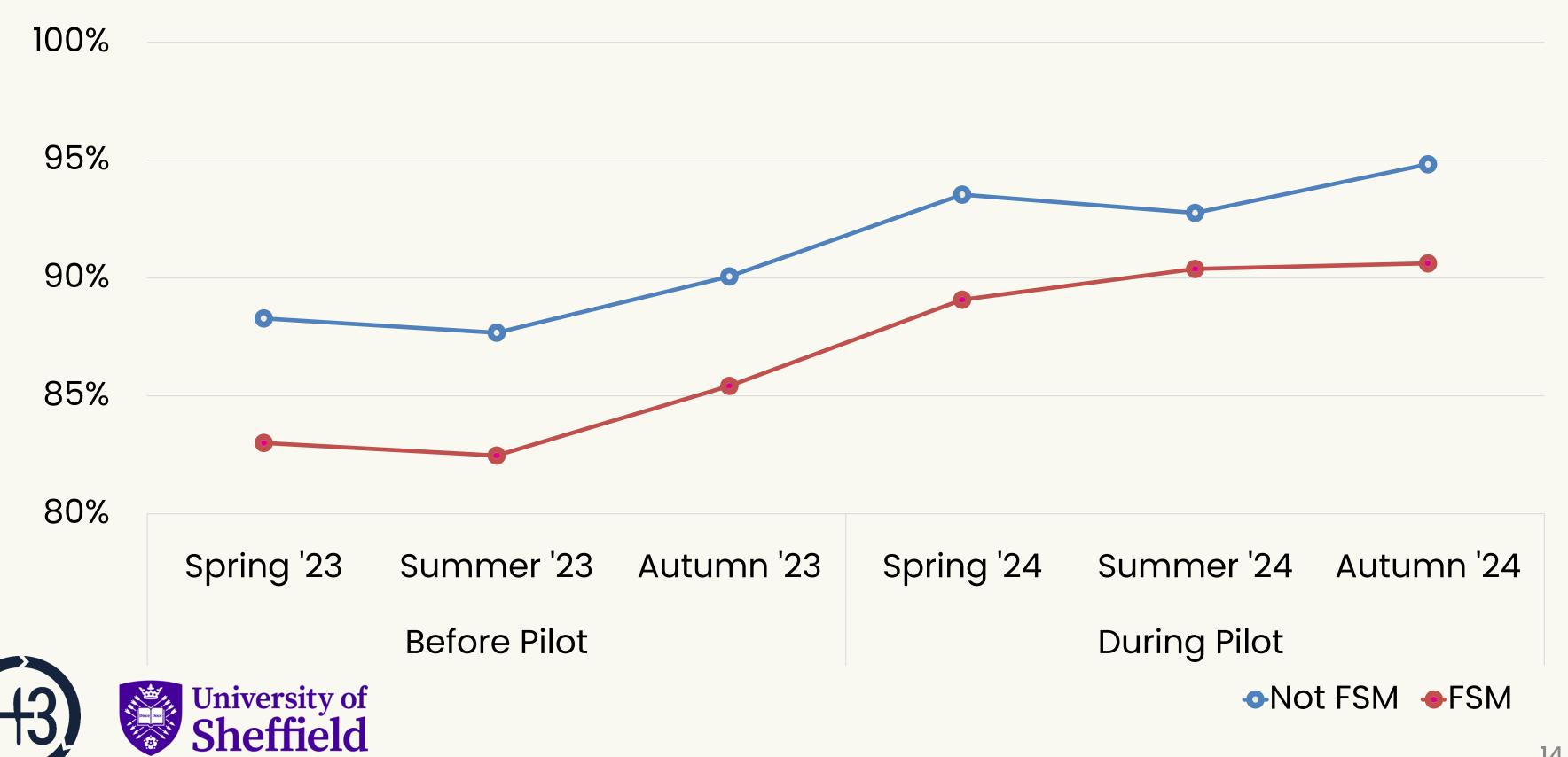






School term

### Lunch pilot – attendance split by FSM eligibility



### Key takeaways

- Universal lunch provision increased uptake, particularly for those not previously eligible.
- The universal breakfast club encouraged greater-than-average uptake.
- School attendance increased for all groups in-line with lunch uptake.
- The universal breakfast club decreased lateness & increased time spent in school, particularly for FSM eligible pupils.





# Thank You

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