



THE GOVERNING BODY OF BURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

POLICY ON SCHOOL MEALS

INTRODUCTION AND KEY OBJECTIVES

Bury CE High School attaches importance to the provision of school meals to pupils in the school as an integral aspect of school life.

KEY OBJECTIVES

- In school a hot midday meal should be available for every pupil wishing to have one.
- An alternative cold meal should be available for any pupil wishing to make this choice.
- The meal should be of good quality and nutritional value.
- There should be no differentiation in quality or choice between free and paid meals.
- The School Catering Service should be an integral part of the school day representing an educational and social occasion, providing opportunities for social development.
- Catering staff are expected to act in a manner that reflects the educational and social ethos of the school. Staff should be flexible to respond to the needs of the school.
- The menu on offer should be appealing to young people, in order for them to make informed healthy choices. Where practical, menus should offer the widest possible choice.
- Meals on offer should meet current nutritional standards as laid down incorporating the government's nutritional standards.
- To facilitate the development of the service pupils should be consulted on a regular basis on service quality and delivery issues. Opportunities should be sought to encourage an increased take-up of meals.
- To provide food and drink at break times, and before school, that compliments the service provided at midday.
- To have regard for purchasing of local produce and Fair Trade Products wherever possible.

LEGISLATION

All statutory requirements governing catering in schools will be complied with.

HEALTHY EATING AND NUTRITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The Governors recognise the importance of a good diet for young people, and the contribution of dietary care in providing a sound foundation for academic achievement and good health in later life.

The aim is to provide well balanced nutritional food and give pupils appropriate teaching about nutrition and health.

It is the Governors' policy that all ingredients used in any food provided should be free from any additives known to have an adverse effect on health. If in the light of research and development any food becomes known to be injurious to health such foods should be withdrawn and a suitable alternative arranged.

Provision for special dietary requirements should be available to meet medical needs.

MENUS AND PRICING

The Governing Body has the power to determine tariff and menu content and will take into consideration the pricing levels set by other school meals providers.

We recognise that the Local Authority will continue to be responsible for determining the entitlement to free pupil meals.

This policy was passed in September 2014