

Schools 1st delivering...

Great food for primary schools



Delicious and nutritious school food

Schools 1st delivering excellent service for over 70 years

With a service built on quality, reliability, innovation and value for money, we've been serving our young customers across Bolton for over 70 years.

Please read through the booklet and discover why Bolton School Meals has the right ingredients to serve delicious and nutritious school meals.

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Great food

Every recipe or product on our menus has been developed or chosen with school cooks and their young customers in mind, making sure we deliver quality and taste with every bite.

Full traceability

Just like you we care about where our food comes from and how it's been produced. That's why we offer complete traceability on all our products, from supplier to plate.

Accreditations you can trust

We are proud to have a wide range of responsibly sourced products on our menus. From Red Tractor accredited meat, poultry, fruit and vegetables to MSC certified fish and seafood. You can rely on us when it comes to food production standards.

Allergen checked

All our recipes and products have been checked for the 14 listed allergens and a copy of this list is available for you to view on line simply visit www.bolton.gov.uk/schoolmeals for more information.



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Great menus

School Food Standards

In January 2015 the government introduced revised school food standards, the standards are intended to help children develop healthy eating habits and ensure they get the right energy and nutrition they need across the whole school day.

All our menus meet the school food standards and aim to match the national best practice recommendation for feeding young children.

We offer an exciting mix of traditional meals and international dishes such as:

- Lightly spiced Balti chicken
- Pepper and tomato pasta
- Traditional roast dinner
- Award winning sausages
- Fruity chocolate sponge pudding

Great people

You can't run a great service without great people.

Qualified

All our school cooks are fully trained in food preparation and cookery and have a passion for great food. They understand about the balance between what children want and what they need to help them live active healthy lives.

Making it fun

Our school cooks introduce amazing theme days that are full of fun things to do but are educational too.

Happy to help

Our customers are the most important part of our business and we are always happy to discuss your schools menu with you. Whether you are concerned about allergies, your child's first day at school or just want a copy of one of our recipes we are there for you. We promise you friendly flexible and helpful service from the school meals team.



Great service

Investment in the right technology, equipment and people means we can offer friendly, reliable and efficient service from the first day at primary school right through to sixth form catering.

Innovation – new ideas introduced into some of our schools:

- Food Dudes a fantastic fun way to encourage pupils to eat fruit and vegetables
- Help-yourself salad trollies
- Educational menu boards demonstrating balanced menu choices and where food comes from, children love to hear the stories behind their food
- Pre ordering service
- Plans for menu selection technology

An Award winning service

- Winner Cost Sector Catering Award PS100 Health & Nutrition Award 2014
- Nominee Change for Life Award 2014



Special dietary requirements

We believe that there should be no barriers to school meals and understand that food is central to the health of all.

Therapeutic diets

A therapeutic diet is a meal plan that controls the intake of certain foods or nutrients. It is part of the treatment of a medical condition and are normally prescribed by a consultant and planned by a dietician.

Therapeutic diets are available upon request at any primary school, provided a copy of the child's prescribed diet sheet is given to school in advance of the child wishing to stay for lunch. Please note only diet sheets issued by consultants, general practitioners or state registered dieticians will be accepted by school.

Nut allergies

Children with an allergy to nuts do not need to follow the therapeutic diet procedure as we never knowingly use nuts in any of our recipes. However, please be aware that we cannot guarantee 100% nut free as suppliers themselves are not obliged to declare whether there was a risk of contamination of their products at any state of production.

Cultural, vegetarian and vegan diets

Where possible we will cater for cultural diets upon request. However it is not always possible for schools to cater for individual preferences. A vegetarian option is always available on the menu and a vegan diet can be supplied on request.





Free school meals

Universal Infant Free School Meals

All pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in state funded schools are eligible to have a Free School Meal. This is called a Universal Infant Free School Meal.

Statutory Free School Meals

What are Statutory Free School Meals?

They are school dinners for children between the ages of 4 and 16 who attend full time school (but not private schools). They may also be awarded to some children outside this age range who attend full time school or nursery.

Do I qualify?

To qualify you or your partner must be getting one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance

- Guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Universal Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit only (but no award of Working Tax Credit) and have an annual income, as assessed by the HM Revenues and Customs, that does not exceed £16,190.

How do I apply?

You need to provide an up to date document showing that you are getting one of the above qualifying benefits. You do not need to make a separate claim if you are already getting or have applied for Housing Benefit / Council Tax Support or Free School Meals. The information and evidence already provided will confirm your entitlement

To make a claim:

Tel: 01204 331590 or
email: housing.benefits@bolton.gov.uk
or visit one of the councils local offices.

Meet your new **school meals crew!**

These little characters will be used
all year round to help your children
make healthier choices.



Contact details

For further information about school meals
please visit www.bolton.gov.uk/schoolmeals
or call **01204 336950**.

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