

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to a free meal. Junior aged children may also be entitled to a free school meal.

Applying is quick, easy and confidential, please contact us:

Online: www.derbyshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Email: checking@derbyshire.gov.uk **Phone:** 01629 536400 or 01629 535743

paper forms are available from school. Form:

Comments/Customer Feedback

We welcome all enquiries and feedback on our service. If you would like to contact us we can be reached in a number of ways:

Email: catering@derbyshire.gov.uk

Phone: 01629 536704

Derbyshire Catering Service,

Chatsworth Hall, Block C,

Matlock, DE43FW

Please note, we have now moved from Block B

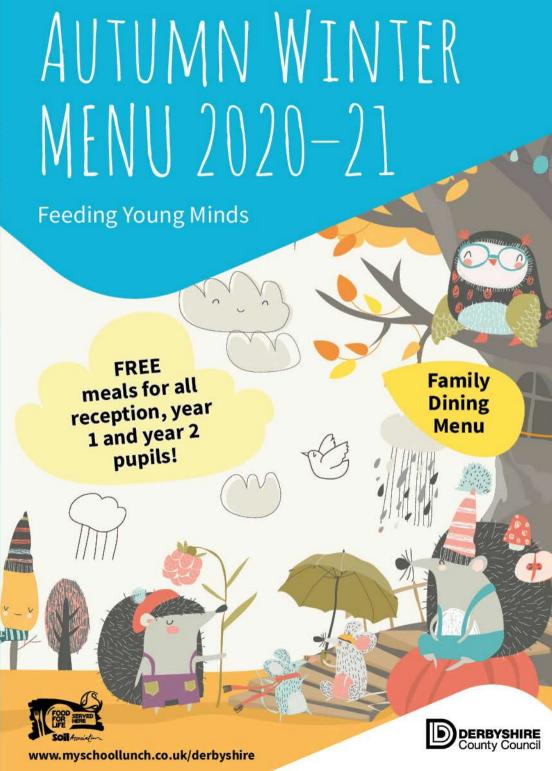
Visit our website to find out our latest good new

www.myschoollunch.co.uk/derbyshire

Recruitment

Did you know, we employ over 1,500 staff to cook in our kitchens? We are always on the lookout for enthusiastic and friendly people to join our team, working term time only and with a basic rate of £9 per hour.





Derbyshire Catering Service COVID-19 Response

Since March, 98% of the schools we serve have been open. We have continued to provide a flexible service working with schools to ensure pupils and staff are safe, but more importantly pupils who need it are offered a nutritionally balanced meal.

Here is small recap of what we have been up to:

- Created 6,700 food hampers for pupils including provision for Easter and the summer holidays
- Implemented new Health and Safety procedures to keep staff and pupils safe



- · Developed new menus which can easily be eaten in different dining environments i.e. a classroom, whilst still meeting strict Government School Food Standards and our quality mark "Food for Life Served Here"
- Created 168 different medical diet menus.
- Purchased new kitchen equipment to meet service demands
- Welcomed 2 new schools into our catering family
- Helped 1,756 additional parents and carers to claim free school meals

Amongst all of this, our staff have found spare time to:



Importance of a **Hot School Meal**

Derbyshire Catering Service are very proud of the food we serve and are pleased that recognition is growing nationally around the many benefits that school meals provide.



Our meals are prepared and cooked as you would make them at home and provide the familiarity of a cosy home cooked meal.

We want your child/children to enjoy school meals and these are some of the reasons:

- · They are hot, healthy and nutritionally balanced
- Exceed Government School Food Standards
- Are cooked fresh on school site (or hub kitchen) every day
- · Offer a selection of favourites and new dishes to provide choice and variety to suit all tastes
- Assist children by improved concentration and academic attainment
- Improves social skills and helps pupils to bond friendships by sitting together to eat a meal
- Enable children to try new foods that they wouldn't normally eat at home
- Cater for medical diets and staff are trained on allergens
- · Use organic produce
- Are convenient for parents, value for money and most schools offer cashless payment
- Made fun by themed meals which are the same price as a regular meal

If your family circumstances have changed during COVID-19 your child/children could be entitled to a Free School Meal. Please visit:

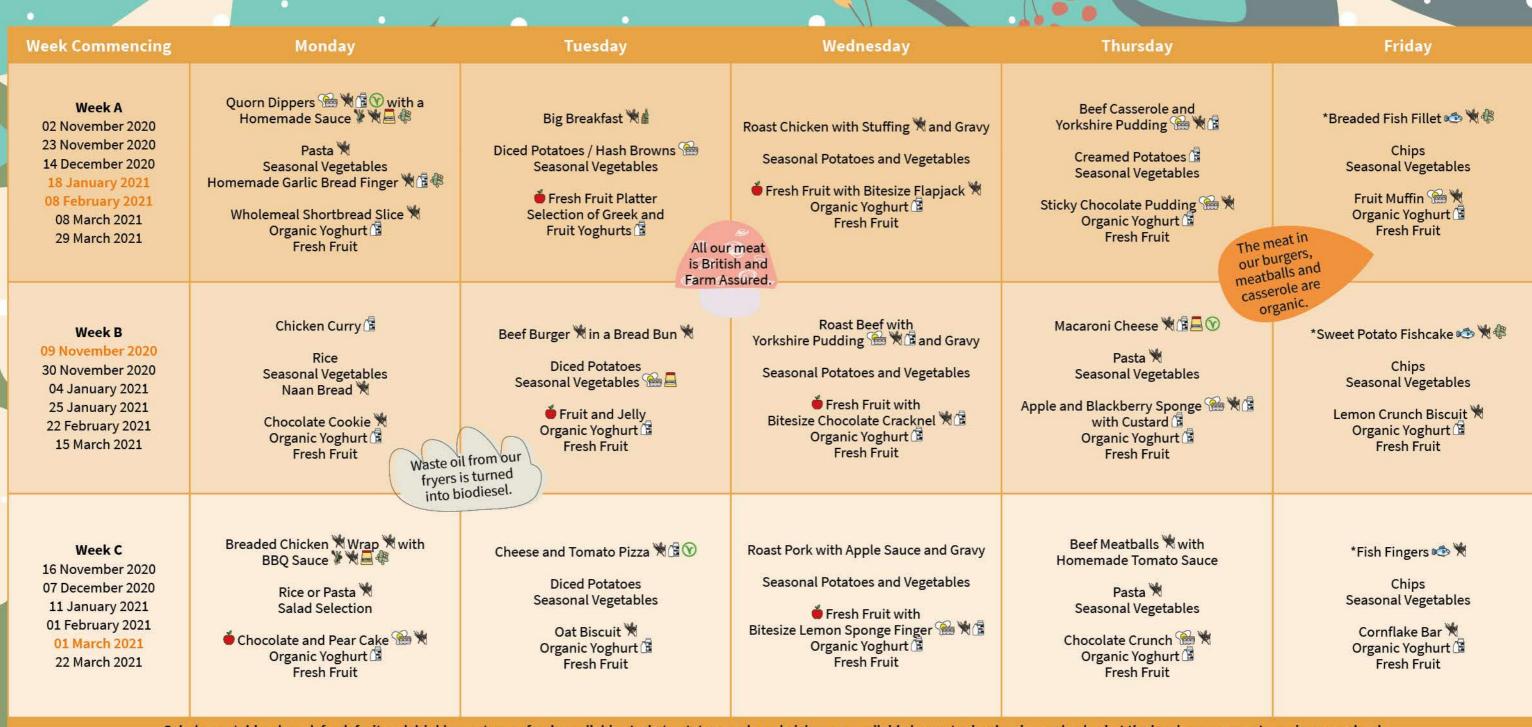
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Salad, vegetables, bread, fresh fruit and drinking water are freely available. Jacket potatoes and sandwiches are available in most schools, please check what the local arrangements are in your school. We endeavour to serve food as specified on the menu, however there are some circumstances when this isn't possible. You can be assured that these instances will be kept to an absolute minimum. Vegetarian meals are available on request.

ALLERGY ICONS











































We offer tailored medical diets for any child requiring them. **Please contact Katie Woods** 01629 536702 or catering@derbyshire.gov.uk for more information.







Marine Stewardship Council compliant

Theme Days**

Our new Theme Days for the Autumn Winter menu, made up of school dinner favourites.









