

# SCHOOL CATERING SERVICE

Cheshire East Catering is the “in house” catering service provider for the local authority. We are committed to working in partnership with schools supporting all children to be fit and healthy through the provision of nutritionally balanced, healthy, good quality food. A good diet facilitates learning and improved behaviour and sets children on the way to making healthier food choice in the future.

## **Benefits to school**

We ensure statutory legislation is adhered to, updated, and changes implemented when necessary.

We employ many staff within the local areas, which helps to boost the local economy.

All staff are trained to carry out their work to service standards and trained in legislative criteria along with the opportunity to gain NVQ certificates from local Colleges.

Cheshire East Catering is fully committed to healthy eating provision in all services and will adhere to the latest government guidelines for nutritional standards for school catering.

Cheshire East Catering carries out service reviews, risk assessments and quality assurance in all schools. These reports are available for the school.

Our suppliers are all vetted through a rigorous tender process.

We provide excellent value for money and are non-profit making.

## **Service specifics**

### **Primary Schools**

Based on a nutritionally balanced specification we offer a range of menus:-

Multi Choice

Two Choices

Set Choice

Picnic Bag – this is usually an extra choice during the summer months as an alternative to the hot meal of the day.

### **High Schools**

We offer a Cash Cafeteria service with a very wide menu choice.

Lunchtime:-

Traditional Meals, including a vegetarian choice

Jacket Potato with fillings

A High Street Sandwich range

Pasta Bars

### **'Sub to Go' Bars**

Snack items such as hot roll, wraps, paninis, pizzas etc.

Homemade desserts, biscuits and fruit.

A range of branded fruit based drinks, milk and milkshake.

In addition to the main service, Cheshire East Catering can also offer additional Services.

These include-

### **Picnic Bags**

As a main meal, alternative packed lunches are offered, predominantly in the Summer Term, where parents feel they would prefer this option. Meals are refrigerated until the last minute, served individually in bags and may be eaten indoors or outside.

### **Morning Break**

Schools can request any break time service. 'Healthy Choices' will be offered.

### **Breakfast Service**

A service that ensures pupils are healthily energised for the day ahead.

### **Extra Options**

Cheshire East Catering will provide, at an agreed cost to the school, any required catering for Governor's or school staff meetings and functions.

Catering for teacher training days

Packed lunches for school trips

### **Menus and Tariff**

Cheshire East Catering will design menus to provide a quality, nutritionally balanced appetising meal that will appeal to pupils.

Nutritional menu analysis is available to schools.

We do as much as possible to ensure children with medical diets/Cultural needs are catered for.

Menus will be changed to reflect the seasons of the year

Theme Days can be arranged to fit in with the school curriculum. Suggestions are sent to Catering Supervisors each term to cover such celebrations as Valentine's Day, Chinese New Year, and Wimbledon etc.

Cheshire East Catering will offer seasonal fayre including Easter Biscuits, Hot Cross buns, Strawberries and Cream and Christmas Dinners.

## **Additional Services**

Cheshire East Catering has developed a range of services that can be offer at an additional cost.

Cash collection of lunch monies, reconciliation and banking.

Assistance with the setting out and putting away of tables and chairs used by pupils who do not have a school meal.

Supply of catering services for functions and meetings where requested by the schools.

A purchasing facility that enables the school to purchase equipment and cooking equipment at competitive prices.

Training courses for school staff i.e. food hygiene, manual handling.

Consultation service for Food related issues or kitchen refurbishment advice.

Purchasing food for additional school services, ensuring “due diligence” is managed.

Provision of nursery meals and out of hour’s school clubs.

The catering team can be contacted on 01606 271663

