

Thank-you for your responses to the Food survey.

We were pleased that the majority of the responses were positive but we have now also gained valuable information for future planning.

In summary-

- 83% said they were very satisfied or satisfied with the school meals.
- The quality of food was the aspect you felt most important in influencing your decision as to whether your child should have School Meals.
- To the question - Do you feel the meals are healthy enough?
 - 45% said yes
 - 31% said they don't know
 - 24% said no
- Roast pork was by far the most likely meal parents would pay for.
- 55% felt sweet puddings should only be available 1 or 2 times a week
- 54% said they would like more information about the ingredients.
- 67% said they would be happy to pre-order meals.
- 65% said they would like to visit school to have lunch with their children.

Thank-you also for your additional comments.

The changes to the menus have been mostly well received and we will continue to monitor them and make necessary changes. In response to the survey Puddings are something we will look at again. We would like to clarify that the soup is made from scratch with fresh vegetables so contains as many healthy and substantial ingredients as other meals and is served with good quality bread and cheese. Processed food is avoided and nutritional guidelines are adhered to. Portion size is regulated by Government guidelines.

We would like to invite parents to share meals with the children and will pursue ways of giving more information about ingredients to reassure parents that the meals are healthy enough. More details will follow about this.

There was also a suggestion to offer a picnic style lunch and we would welcome your opinions on this.

We would like to say that the school aims to make lunchtimes an enjoyable social experience where they are encouraged to chat to each other but not to shout! Developing pupils' awareness of Healthy Lifestyles continues to be an area identified in the School Development Plan. Every class learns about food and nutrition. Gaining an early understanding of a good diet should help them towards being healthy as they grow up. May we remind you that if you look on the School Website under the title " Parents" you will find a lot of valuable information from Health and Wellbeing.

Thank-you again for your opinions and we hope together we can provide the best possible school meals and packed lunches.