

Dear Parent/Carer

Barnsley Schools Catering Service has your's and your children's best interests at heart when they are returning to school. Which is why we have put in place a set of precautionary measures to make sure your children can still enjoy a healthy balanced lunch provided by our catering teams.

Why you can continue to trust us, safety measures include:

- We comply with the government's guidance for food businesses and are Coronavirus (COVID -19) safe
- All staff have had to complete a Coronavirus (COVID-19) training session
- All staff wear appropriate PPE for the preparation of meals
- Each kitchen has a limited number of staff at one time to allow social distancing
- Children have to eat meals while contained within their specified bubble
- Our food deliveries are contactless
- All children and staff are asked to wash their hands before consuming lunch and immediately after
- Additional cleaning and hygiene measures for deliveries, food storage, preparation and serving areas
- Service delivery changes to adhere to either the two metre rule or 1 metre plus (with risk mitigation).



Why choose a school meal:

- A balanced lunch is the best way to ensure children are attentive and in the best frame of mind to listen and learn
- It can be difficult to get children to try new foods, children often adopt behaviours of their peers, and food they don't or won't eat at home they will often try and enjoy at school
- Teaching and supervisory staff are always present in the dining hall to encourage children to eat their dinner
- They are great value for money , include at least two of their five-a-day, freshly made on site
- Takes the pressure away from families having to provide a hot meal for their children's tea knowing they've eaten a substantial healthy lunch
- Special dietary requirement needs are catered for
- Your child may be able to get meals for free (all pupils in reception, year one and year two) or may be eligible for financial support check by going to barnsley.gov.uk/free-school-meals apply for free school meals or telephone: 01226 787787.

Food hygiene!

All of our school kitchens hold a 5* food hygiene rating.

Telephone: 01226 773168

Email: BSCS@barnsley.gov.uk



Did you know?

- Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness, it is not known to be transmitted by food, the risk to food services are very low.

We are working with all schools to offer a suitable meal selection safely within the remit of each school. This is dependent on various factors, including school size, number of pupils on roll, dining room provision, number of bubbles etc. Each school is unique and we are collaboratively doing everything we can to ensure we can provide a hot provision for your children.

Staying Coronavirus (Covid-19) secure in 2020