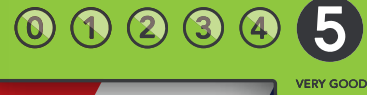


FOOD HYGIENE RATING



## SCHOOL FEEDBACK

To Angie and the kitchen staff

"Thank you for filling our children's bellies with food that they are clearly loving. You have taken the time to get to know most of our little bees by name, making them feel seen and special. The children have access to a range of salad and healthier choices than they have had before. Plus - your cookies are delicious!"

This message was posted anonymously on a staff shout out board.

When an Ofsted officer recently checked our compliance at a Bury Catering primary school and spoke to the children about their lunch, he told the Kitchen Supervisor, Julie, that his meal was delicious, and that the food quality was among the best he had seen for a long time.

## WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO JOIN OUR TEAM

Our roles are always in high demand because our rates of pay are excellent, and our hours are term-time only. We offer full on-job training and there are opportunities to work towards nationally recognised qualifications and rise through the ranks. However, if you are motivated and hard-working, men or women of any culture, please contact us and we will see what vacancies we have - permanent and casual. Vacancies tend to be advertised on GreaterJobs under <Education- School>, <Bury Council>, <Catering> however, we can offer a paper application and also attend job fairs. If you want to enquire about vacancies directly, you can contact us on 0161 253 57 10 between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday during term-time.



School Food: What to expect when your child has lunch with us. We are a specialist foodservice provider for schools, that care about providing a well-balanced diet so your child has the energy they need to learn. We cater for different requirements including vegan, gluten free, dairy free, diabetic, vegetarian, halal and other special diets. We are a completely nut free service.

We comply not only with School Food Standards (nutritional guidelines), Bronze Food for Life, and comply with public sector buying, our suppliers have also had to undergo a range of rigorous checks.

Since we published our last menu, we were awarded Food for Life Bronze from the Soil Association in November 2022. And no, we were not quiet about it, not even a little bit! The award recognised the following:

- Most of our dishes are freshly prepared
- All our meat comes from farms which satisfy UK welfare standards
- No fish from Marine Conservation Society "fish to avoid" list is on our menus
- All our eggs are from Free Range hens
- Absolutely no undesirable additives or trans fats or GM ingredients are included
- Our menus are designed to make the best use of seasonal ingredients
- We publicise where our food comes from
- We provide for all dietary & cultural needs
- All our suppliers have been verified to ensure they apply a HACCP food safety system
- Our Chefs are trained in fresh food prep and seasonal menu planning

Already with this new menu, we are working towards Food for Life Silver. That means we have added organic flour along with the organic yoghurts we already provide daily.

All of this effort and innovation is pointless though if your child does not get something they want to eat so our Executive Chef focuses on popular dishes when creating our menus, takes feedback from the Chefs in individual kitchens and runs taster sessions with children to refine the menu. I hope you agree this is one of the best menus we have ever had. If you also want to make a comment or a request, please do so. Our email address is catering@bury.gov.uk and our contact number is 0161 253 57 10. We want the best menu possible for Bury children and you can help.

In addition to the wonderful development work on the menu, we have also introduced a fantastic system called School Grid which allows you to order your child's meals together at home from an app on your mobile, tablet or laptop. This means they get their first choice of meal; you know what they have chosen and can see their school dinner money balance. Even the school office staff are smiling.

All one hundred and twenty-one Chefs have received training in allergens and safeguarding, and all our staff are DBS cleared to an enhanced level to keep your children safe. If you want to know more about free school meals or Universal Infant Free School Meals and get support with applying, speak with your child's school or the Free School Meal team on 0161 253 5858.

## FUN STATISTICS

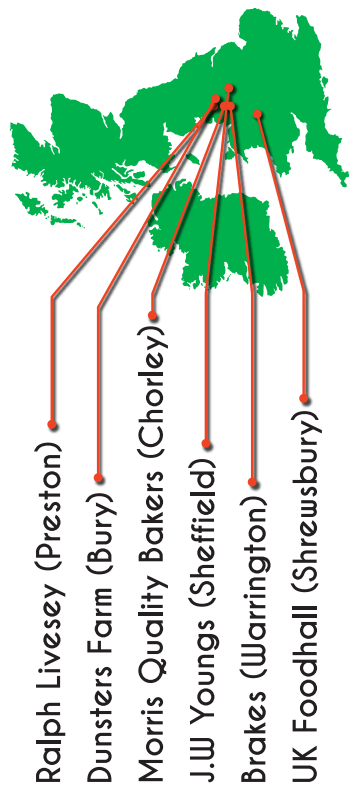
Did you know we provide 10,000 meals a day? In a school year that's 1.9m healthy and sustainable meals, just in Bury. Did you know school meals started in 1906 and have experienced many changes since then?

## FUN LUNCHES & OTHER MARKETING

We provide fun lunches, to encourage more pupils to try a school meal but if you also want to keep up with the other things we are doing, visit our facebook page Schools Catering Service - Bury Council.

## AIMS

Our sole purpose is to provide a positive food experience for children which gives you value for money and peace of mind that our meals are healthy and focused on your child and your child's planet.



## OUR SUPPLIERS

## ALWAYS AVAILABLE

Unlimited Salad Bar  
Seasonal Fresh Fruit  
Yeo Organic Yoghurt

Children get 2 courses and 2 sides, a trip to the salad bar and bread, with a drink of chilled water for the price of a school meal. We offer three to four main course choices every day, one of which is always vegetarian, and there are always three choices of desserts (main dessert, fruit, organic yoghurt), all of which are suitable for vegetarians. Your child can also choose up to 5 portions of fruit and vegetables per day. Where else can you get that value?

We also provide menus for diabetics, a gluten free, dairy free, and vegan menu, other special diets, and halal meat where required. Our service is also totally nut free. Who else can you trust to feed your child so safely?



### WEEK ONE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pork and Carrot Meatballs with Spaghetti	Beef Burger in a Bun	Roast Chicken Dinner Stuffing and Gravy	Ham Pizza	Fish Fingers with Omega 3
Plant Based Meatballs with Spaghetti (PB)	Halal Beef Burger in a Bun	Halal Roast Chicken Stuffing & Gravy	Vegetable Curry with 50% wholegrain & 50% white rice	Fish Fingers with Omega 3
Sweet and Sour Quorn with 50% wholegrain & 50% white rice (v)	Cheese Whirl (v)	Roast Quorn Dinner Stuffing & Gravy (PB)	Margherita Pizza (v)	Quorn Burger in a Bun (N) (PB)
Jacket Potato or Sandwich with Various Fillings	Jacket Potato or Sandwich with Various Fillings	Jacket Potato or Sandwich with Various Fillings	Jacket Potato or Sandwich with Various Fillings	Jacket Potatoes or Sandwich with a choice of fillings
Potato Wedges, Peas and Sweetcorn Mix	Herby Diced Potatoes Fresh Vegetable Medley	Roast Potatoes, Cauliflower & Broccoli	Spicy Diced Potatoes, Baked Beans	Chipped Potatoes Garden Peas
Summer Fruits Cheesecake	Mandarin Muffins	Jelly with Fruit	Chocolate Cake and Custard	Ice Cream Roll

V - Vegetarian | PB - Plant Based | N - New

WC: 17<sup>th</sup> Apr | 8<sup>th</sup> May | 5<sup>th</sup> Jun | 26<sup>th</sup> Jun | 17<sup>th</sup> Jul | 18<sup>th</sup> Sept | 9<sup>th</sup> Oct

### WEEK TWO

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BBQ Chicken with 50% wholegrain & 50% white rice	Pork Sausage Hot Dog	Minced beef Pie with Gravy	Beef Lasagne	Battered Fish Fillet
Halal BBQ Chicken with 50% wholegrain & 50% white rice	Halal Chicken Sausage Hot Dog	Halal Minced Beef Pie with Gravy	Halal Beef Lasagne	Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake
Veggie Chilli Burrito (v)	Cheese and Onion Pie (v)	Macaroni Cheese (v)	Tomato Pasta(v)	Quorn Sausage (PB)
Jacket Potato or Sandwich with Various Fillings	Jacket Potato or Sandwich with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato or Sandwich with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato or Sandwich with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato or Sandwich with a choice of fillings
Potato Wedges, Peas and Sweetcorn Mix	Herby Diced Potato Baked Beans	Creamed Potatoes, Seasonal Fresh Carrot Batons	Seasonal Fresh Vegetable Medley	Chipped Potatoes Garden Peas
Iced Lemon Sponge	Vanilla Sponge & Custard	Apricot Flapjacks	Carrot & Orange Muffin	Iced Smoothie Pot

V - Vegetarian | PB - Plant Based | N - New

WC: 24<sup>th</sup> Apr | 15<sup>th</sup> May | 12<sup>th</sup> Jun | 3<sup>rd</sup> Jul | 4<sup>th</sup> Sept | 25<sup>th</sup> Sept | 16<sup>th</sup> Oct

### WEEK THREE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Brunch with Diced Potatoes	Sweet & Sour Chicken with 50% wholegrain & 50% white rice	BBQ Pulled pork Burger in a bun (N)	Pasta Bolognese with Crusty Bread	Battered Fish Burger
Halal Brunch with Diced Potatoes	Halal Sweet & Sour Chicken with 50% wholegrain & 50% white rice	Halal BBQ Shredded Chicken Burger in a Bun (N)	Halal Pasta Bolognese with Crusty Bread	Battered Fish Burger
Vegetable Pasta Bake (v)	Pizza Whirl (v)	Vegan Sausage Roll (PB)	Cheese Pasty (v)	Quorn Chicken Nuggets (N) (PB)
Jacket Potato or Sandwich with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato or Sandwich with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato or Sandwich with a choice of fillings	Jacket Potato or Sandwich with Various Fillings	Jacket Potato or Sandwich with Various Fillings
Diced Potatoes Baked Beans	Spicy Diced Potatoes Seasonal Fresh Broccoli	Potato Wedges Peas & Sweetcorn	Seasonal fresh Vegetable Medley	McCains Potato Crispers (N) Garden Peas
Strawberry Yoghurt Muffin	Gingerbread Person with Fruit	Chocolate Ice Cream Roll	Banana Cake & Custard	Chocolate Crunch

V - Vegetarian | PB - Plant Based | N - New

WC: 1<sup>st</sup> May | 22<sup>nd</sup> May | 19<sup>nd</sup> Jun | 10<sup>th</sup> Jul | 11<sup>th</sup> Sept | 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug



J.W.Y (Halal)



Menus can vary slightly in some schools to accommodate different needs.

Over 75% of our dishes are freshly prepared from unprocessed ingredients, our vegetables and potatoes are fresh and whole except for peas, green beans, sweetcorn and chips which are frozen. All our chicken, pork and beef is UK Farm Assured, our eggs are from Free Range hens, our yoghurts are organic, our fish fingers are fortified with Omega 3 and our tuna is dolphin friendly. No fish from the Marine Conservation Society 'fish to avoid' list is served. Our suppliers are vetted, fully traceable and are local in order to minimise food miles including fruit, vegetables, salads and dairy from Livesey's (Preston), bread from Morris Bakers (Chorley), meat from Youngs Butchers (Sheffield), ambient goods from Dunsters Farm (Bury) and Brakes (Warrington).