

School Meals and Nutritional Policy

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Approval & Review

Approved by:	Governing Body for the academic year 2010/2011
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Responsibility

All Oxfordshire schools now have a delegated budget for school meals and with this financial delegation the governing bodies of our schools take on the responsibility for the provision of school lunches. This includes providing free school meals to eligible students; providing for paid meals where requested; complying with the requirements of the nutritional standards for school lunches regulations and deciding on content and cost of meals. Governing bodies can decide to buy into an external catering service but in doing so they must ensure that these meal providers are competent to deal with the various health and safety and food safety issues, which arise in meal provision.

It is now a statutory requirement that governing bodies of all schools have a statement on Nutritional Standards and that this statement is regularly reviewed and monitored.

The School is familiar with the legal standards, which are set out in Statutory Instrument 200/2001777, which can be accessed through <http://www.legislation.hmsso.gov.uk/> (search for Statutory instrument 2000/20001777)

Additional guidance is available on the food standards agency site <http://www.food.gov.uk/> or the DfES website <http://www.dfes.gov.uk/schoollunches/default.shtml>

Guidance on a Whole School Food Policy is also available through the DfES by linking to <http://www.nutrition.org.uk/schoolfoodpolicy.htm>

Nutritional Standards Policy

Purpose

The aims of the school include students being guided to lead active and healthy lives. We believe that healthy children are best able to take full advantage of the education opportunities that the school provides. The governing body will ensure that food provided in the school and advice given to students both promote a healthy lifestyle.

Relationship to other policies.

Improving and sustaining good nutritional standards is included, where appropriate, in all curriculum policies, health and safety, and the home-school agreement. It is also included in schemes of work for PSHE, citizenship, food & nutrition, and science.

Roles and responsibilities

The **Headteacher** will ensure that

- Guidance is made available for staff based on the Nutritional Standards for School lunches (England) Regulations 2000

- Providers of lunches conform to the Regulations

- Agree standards for free school meals are implemented

- Content, cost and provision of meals are monitored

- Special dietary needs of students and staff are catered for

All **Staff** are expected to promote healthy eating in accordance with school guidance.

Ensure that external providers of lunches:

- Conform to the standards prescribed in the Nutritional Standards for School Lunches (England) Regulations 2001

- Establish standards for free school meals.

Monitoring and Evaluation

The governing body will receive annual reports from the head on the extent to which lunch providers conform to the Regulations in terms of content, cost and provision, and the number of students receiving free school meals.

Surveys of students and parents will be undertaken at regular intervals to establish the level of satisfaction with the quality of meals offered.