

Derbyshire Catering Service Innovation in School Catering Post COVID-19

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Derbyshire Catering Service COVID-19 Response

- 98% of Derbyshire schools open throughout lockdown
- No staff furloughed
- Reduced menu served
- Food hampers created
- Easter opening
- Bespoke risk assessments
- School charging method
- Contractual gains



Food Hamper



Derbyshire Catering Service COVID-19 Response

- Free School Meal Entitlement
 April 2020 20,248 eligible parents
 June 2020 22,004 eligible parents
 8.6% increase in eligibility in 2 months
- Communication with Catering Staff
- Emergency close down procedure
- Communication with schools

Reward stickers for pupils with positive COVID-19 messages





- Contact with each school to discuss requirements
- Menus comply with School Food Standards and Food for Life ethos
- 186 different medical diet menus created
- Secondary school bespoke menus
- Additional equipment sourced costing £12k
- Projecting 70% of 'normal' uptake



School Planning "Thinking Outside the Box"

Buxton Junior School



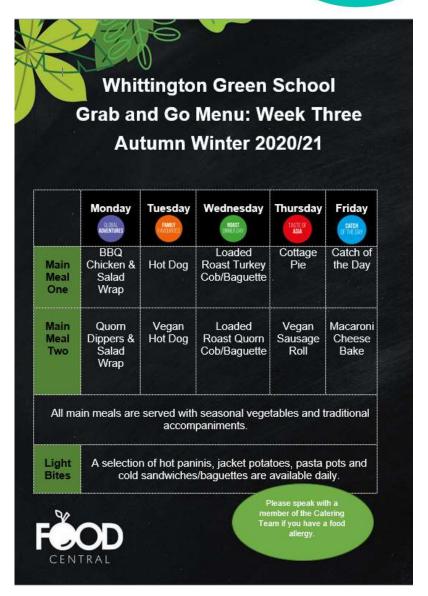


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COVID-19 Safety Posters





- Adjusted working patterns for kitchens
- PPE including visors
- Risk Assessments extended to include vulnerable and BAME staff
- "Welcome Back" theme day





Future Sustainability

Threats

- Reception pupil numbers decreasing therefore UIFSM entitlement reduced
- UIFSM guaranteed until September 2021
- Brexit





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Opportunities

- FSM entitlement increasing
- FSM vouchers spiked public demand for all year round provision
- Review meeting planned to discuss Derbyshire Catering Services response to the first phase







Summary

As we move into the recovery phase, there are a myriad of strategic and practical considerations as well as risks requiring careful coordination and ongoing dialogue with schools and service leaders.

We are operating in a time of uncertainty and volatility, the only small consolation is that we are not alone in this.





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