



Parents Newsletter

We've been celebrating National School Meals Week! VIP guests were invited to have a school meal with the children. The children were excited to meet them and asked them lots of questions.

Hope all the children are enjoying the Christmas roast dinners and Christmas parties!

Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year!

Nottingham Catering

Pictured: Councillor
Cheryl Barnard
visiting Rufford
Primary School



NATIONAL SCHOOLS MEAL WEEK

A fantastic line-up of VIP guests including the Lord Mayor of Nottingham, the Sheriff of Nottingham, local MPs and councillors have enjoyed school meals with pupils as part of National School Meals Week.

The City Council's Portfolio Holder for Children & Schools, Councillor Cheryl Barnard, said: "All the food looks really delicious! It's good to see the children enjoying their school meal in a friendly social atmosphere. Having a hot meal makes a massive difference and sets the children up for the afternoon so they can be more attentive."



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The Sheriff of Nottingham, Cllr Nicola Heaton, visited Claremont Primary School. She said: "The Catering Team seem so positive about the job they are doing. It's amazing they can feed so many children in such a short space of time."



MP for Nottingham South Lilian Greenwood said: "It was brilliant to visit The Glapton Academy. I was delighted to hear directly from the children how much they enjoyed their school meals and to see so many clean plates at the end of lunch-time! I very much enjoyed my tasty chicken korma followed by strawberry jam cupcake."

The Lord Mayor of Nottingham Cllr Wendy Smith paid a visit to Oak Field School and Specialist Sports College. She said: "I hadn't realised that school meals were so delicious now! I'd be happy to come here for my lunch every day.

"With everything costing so much now, free school meals offer an ideal way for pupils to get a hot healthy meal and save some money. It was great to meet the Catering Team too and see the pride they take in providing such wonderful meals."



Veg Power

We are getting geared up to work with Veg Power on Eat Them to Defeat Them again in the spring. This healthy eating campaign aims to encourage children into eating and enjoying their vegetables.

Veg Power are doing something different this time, with international recipes, stories and more classroom resources in participating schools. We're looking forward to getting the children involved!



Environmental Commitments

We are committed to reducing the environmental impact of our operations. Our suppliers are required to seek to reduce their carbon footprint linked to our operations, reducing food miles and using recyclable packaging wherever possible.

We are committed to:

- Eliminating non-recyclable goods from our products and packaging
- Reducing food and waste products in all our kitchens
- Improving our energy efficiency
- Helping children to grow and cook their own food in schools
- Implement Carbon Offsetting activities with schools
- Promoting reusable cups and containers to our customers
- Using local suppliers to reduce food miles



Job Opportunities

We regularly have opportunities available for people to join our school catering teams at <https://jobs.emss.org.uk/>

School Food Standards Pilot

We are taking part in a new pilot scheme to ensure we are meeting school food standards.

Lee Kimberley, the Head of Nottingham Catering said: "We're pleased to confirm that we are taking part in this national pilot to promote school food standards. We anticipate that Environmental Health officers will carry out spot checks in Nottingham schools, alongside their routine inspections, to ensure that children are receiving high-quality, healthy and nutritious meals.

"The Food Standards Agency (FSA) will then give schools and the council feedback about their findings, including to Nottingham Catering where we are the service provider. Although prices are rising at a significant rate, Nottingham Catering will continue to meet school food standards because our priority is to give children a nourishing meal during the day to support their health, wellbeing and educational attainment."

Working together to feed local people in need

We're delighted to be working in partnership with FareShare Midlands who are sharing our Loxley House kitchen to prepare meals for those in need from food that would otherwise be wasted. It is good to see the meals produced making a difference to local people who use food banks, community cafes and other charitable groups.



BBC East Midlands have made an excellent report on this fantastic project. Watch it at https://youtu.be/bYnDxNq9z_g

So far:

- 1,200 meals per week are being cooked and frozen for future delivery
- 19 Nottingham charitable groups have registered to receive meals
- 600+ meals are being delivered each week



We're supporting Simply Veg: Helping parents & carers serve affordable, healthy, veg-packed food their kids will love. More at <https://vegpower.org.uk/simply-veg/>

Free School Meals

We are proud to serve healthy, balanced and freshly prepared school meals.

Our school meals give children all the energy they need to power through the day, helping them concentrate at school and supporting their wellbeing.

Taking up Free School Meals can save you up to £437 per year.

Universal Infant Free School Meals are free for children in:

- Reception class
- Year 1
- Year 2

If you receive benefits your child may be entitled to free school meals. Apply at: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Book your place for UIFSM at the school office or if your school has an online ordering system book it online.

