



# Chauncy School Food Policy



## 1. Responsibilities

The Governors recognise the important connection between a healthy diet and the effective learning and behaviour of pupils. The Governors also recognise the role a school can play as part of a local community to promote family health, sustainable food and farming practices, and the protection of the environment.



## 2. Mission

The educational mission is to improve the health of the community by teaching students and families' ways to establish and maintain health through good eating habits. The mission shall be accomplished through food and nutrition education, the teaching of skills, the food served within the school and the core academic content of the curriculum.



## 3. Aims

1. To provide pupils and families with knowledge and awareness of food issues including the constitution of a healthy and environmentally sustainable diet, hygienic food preparation and storage methods.
2. To increase pupils' knowledge of food production, manufacturing, distribution and marketing practices and their impact on health, life in a multi cultural society, the environment and animal welfare.
3. To ensure pupils can be well nourished at school and that every pupil has access to safe, tasty and nutritious food.
4. To ensure that fresh water is available throughout the day.
5. To ensure that food provision in school reflects the ethical and medical requirements of staff and pupils, e.g., religious, ethnic, vegetarian and allergenic needs.
6. To make provision so that the consumption of food is an enjoyable and safe experience.
7. To introduce and promote practices within the school to reinforce these aims, and to remove or discourage practices that negate them.
8. To use local produce where viable and appropriate.



## 4. Objectives

1. To work towards ensuring this policy is both acceptable and embraced by :
  - Governors
  - School Management
  - Teachers and support staff
  - Pupils
  - Parents
  - Food providers
  - The school's wider community
2. To integrate these aims into all aspects of school life, in particular:
  - Food provision within the school
  - The curriculum
  - Pastoral and social activities
  - Communication



## 5. Methods

1. Maintain an effective structure to oversee the development, implementation and monitoring of this policy, and to encourage a participatory approach to meeting the objectives.
2. To audit where and how the teaching of food and nutrition is taught across the curriculum
3. To use software to complete the analysis of all food provided by the school to ensure it meets government guidelines. ( 80% complete )
4. To publish the School Food Policy on the School website and update parents through the Chauncy News.
5. To inform parents of the School Food Policy.
6. Foster an understanding of safe, nutritious, environmentally sustainable food through education and example.
7. Create an environment both physical and social which is conducive to the enjoyment of food.
8. Promote and raise awareness of environmentally sustainable food production methods and socially responsible food marketing practices.
9. Involve the School Council in monitoring the views of students on food provision. 'Student Voice'
10. To enhance the flow of pupils and staff through the canteen by introducing and encouraging the use of the 'VeriCool' Cashless Catering system.