

### Parent/Carer Comments following School Lunch Visits - February 2017

*We were delighted that over 50 parents/carers and relatives were able to join us for a school lunch on the six dates offered.*

- Very nice school lunch. Things have changed since I was at school.
- Wow! Great portion size and lovely selection. Service with a smile by lovely ladies too.
- This was a lovely idea. Really enjoyed this experience. Everyone was very well behaved and the noise level was very good. Very polite children.
- Lovely idea and very organised. Really enjoyed it. Food was very healthy, and great selection.
- The pie was very nice. Good selection of veg. All the children seemed to be really enjoying their meal.
- Really enjoyed the meal. My son and my daughter enjoyed showing me how lunchtime works! I would like the opportunity to come again. Thanks.
- Pie was lovely 4/5, fruit cake was lovely. Thank you!
- Really nice to try the school lunch with my daughter. Very good choice of options. Good portion sizes. Really enjoyed it. The children look to really like their lunch. Thank you.
- Loved the pie, don't know if I like the kids eating off a tray! Would prefer plates but I appreciate it saves on washing up.
- My meal was delicious thank you. I did find it strange that the children were eating off trays, but they didn't seem to mind. Would love to come again.  
**(School comment: Doncaster Meals Service recommends the plastic trays for the choice menu where children line up, select their meal and then move to their seat. A tray, and crockery plate and bowl would be much heavier, with the added risk of plates and bowls sliding around on the tray with the risk of spillages and breakages!)**
- Excellent choice! Really impressed with how the new service works i.e. (bands). The food quality is great and offers children a healthy balance. Really enjoyed it!
- Really good to see what is available for the children to eat and how they collect it.
- Very well organised and really tasty. I forgot how nice school dinners are.
- Really impressed with the portion. Nice set up in the hall. All the children were lovely and well behaved.
- Enjoyed food- plenty of choice for all.
- A lovely school lunch we thoroughly enjoyed it. Organised healthy lunch.
- Really nice. A lot better than when I was at school!

- The lunch was lovely and I finally got to try 'the best sponge in the world' as my daughter says. Good choice. Thank you.
- Lovely. Really nice to be able to come and eat with my daughter. Copley was quite 'closed' in the past. Will come again if invited.
- Really enjoyed the lunch, was very impressed with it! Perhaps you could do this more often especially for the Year 3 children.

**(School comment: Following the feedback from parents, we will offer opportunities to join us for a school lunch each year. We agree that it would be a good idea to offer an early opportunity for parents of new Year 3 children to join us for lunch in the Autumn term each year.)**

- Very enjoyable. Well organised. Thanks for the opportunity.
- A very nice experience. It's nice to see how the system works. Great choice of food on offer. Very nice.
- Lovely lunch. Thank you.
- Absolutely fabulous experience, really enjoyed having my lunch with my child today. Food delicious.
- A very organised process. The food was very well presented. It was a calm lunchtime and the food was lovely. Thank you for having me.
- A lovely experience, the meal was very nice. I enjoyed the salad bar. It was well organised and all the children were happy.
- A lovely meal and what a great set up. Good to see what the children are offered.
- Food was lovely. Really enjoyed it. Good selection. Thank you for the invite. Suggestion - To include salad bar nearer main food to encourage healthier eating. Also to encourage 5 fruit/veg per day, maybe have a smaller portion of sponge pudding and a piece of fruit as option.

**(School comment: We agree with this view and have moved the salad bar to ensure all children can easily see what is available every day. On some days fruit is offered alongside the sponge and on some days fruit is incorporated in the pudding. Fresh fruit salad is also a daily choice available on the dessert menu.)**

- This was a lovely idea, the children are really well behaved. The food was delicious. Salad at the end might encouraged more children to have some, it's quite out of the way. Thank You!
- A really lovely lunch - surprised at the quality especially the pudding! Nice atmosphere in the dining hall, plenty of space and opportunity for the children to talk and relax with friends - Great!
- Really enjoyable, the quality of the food was excellent. I do feel that the children could do with a little more.

- I really enjoyed seeing how the children eat however I think the portions are very small and it would be nice if they had more time to digest their food.

**(School comment: Doncaster School Meals Service recommends the allocated portion size and ensures all menus are nutritionally balanced. Preferred portion size will always have an element of personal preference. In terms of value for money for the £2 cost, we feel school meals provide a well-balanced lunch at a very reasonable price. We see lunchtime as a social occasion and children talk with their friends as they eat their meal. Children are not rushed to complete their lunch, although it may be the case that sometimes children are keen to eat their lunch so that they can then go outside to play!)**

- Good choice of food, well organised and orderly.
- I enjoyed the visit and the food - Good idea! Thank You.
- I enjoyed the experience, good system and pleasant atmosphere.
- Very enjoyable, lots of choice and children are very well behaved at lunchtime.
- Really nice food and I enjoyed the lunch which has reassured me that my daughter is eating well. I do feel the portions are a little small for the older year groups.
- Delightful visit, lovely food and lovely atmosphere felt very welcome and everything appears in order.
- I really enjoyed my visit to school for lunch. The staff are friendly and the kids really happy and helpful. The food was lovely and I was impressed with the quality and choice available.
- Lovely food and service. Would be nice for the school to have a dedicated dining room.

**(School comment: We would love this too - if only the budget allowed!)**

- Food was delicious and a great range of variety, also the behaviour of the kids was excellent.
- A really enjoyable experience.
- Really enjoyed school lunch. I was very impressed by the choices available and will be encouraging my daughter to try more of a variety at school as she does at home.
- A lovely lunch - thank you. Lots of clean plates around us!
- Awesome!!

