

Parent/Carer Comments following School Lunch Visits - Autumn Term 2018

We were delighted that over 80 parents/carers and relatives were able to join us for a school lunch on the eight dates offered.

- Really lovely dinner. Nice that the children get to choose. The salad bar is a great idea.
- Thoroughly enjoyed the school lunch. Presents value for money. Would love to come again. (School comment: Many parents/carers and relatives have commented they would like to be invited again. We will make sure to invite parents/relatives every year from now on.)
- Good quality food. Serving staff very welcoming, knew most of the children by name. Would love to come back again.
- Thank you for the invite to lunch! We really enjoyed it! A great way to interact with the children's school day.
- Jacket Potato was lovely and the crispy cake was also.
- Nice to visit school. Thank you for the invite - crispy cake was yummy!
- A nice idea to spend lunchtime with my child. Apple pie was lovely!
- Welcome by serving staff was good, felt welcome. Food quality was good, not over or under done. Kids just carried on as if we weren't there. Good all round experience. Thank you.
- Enjoyed the vegetarian option. The pudding was very tasty.
- Enjoyed it. Good Variety. Healthy Options.
- Very tasty lunch. Particularly enjoyed the pudding! It was nice to see the children enjoying their food and having a good selection.
- Overall good food and experience but concerned that all children are offered chips regardless of choice. My daughter was allowed chips with a jacket potato. (School comment: With a choice menu, children choose what they wish to eat, however if too much carbohydrate was chosen on a regular basis, our lunchtime staff would encourage the child to make a more balanced choice. If a child chooses chips they would only be given half of a jacket potato if they wanted one, whereas with the jacket and filling option a whole jacket potato is served.)
- Really enjoyed my lunch. Nice for the children to have a choice.
- Enjoyed, very organised, quieter than I thought.
- Very enjoyable school lunch. Children were sociable, polite and lovely table manners. Thank you to the kitchen staff for a lovely meal.
- A good choice of dinners, with enough for my child to eat. Nice seating arrangement for all; thanks for dinner.
- Lovely lunch. Great to see my child.
- Good amount of choice, very filling, the salad bar is a great idea.
- Lovely experience, good set up and good volume. Lovely food.

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- Good choice of food, food was nice, calm environment.
- Lovely to be able to come in for dinner with my child. The best chocolate milkshake I've had in years.
- Nice selection of food, very nice to have a choice. Salad bar very fresh. The only negative, I had difficulty finding a clean beaker. Overall very good. (School comment: Oh dear! Cups are washed every day and sterilised regularly. Our school cook has looked into this and has identified the issue was down to a milkshake which had settled and some had solidified at the bottom of some cups, so we will ensure this does not happen again.)
- Thank you for the opportunity! Lovely Lunch. Great service.
- Thank you for the invite it has been very enjoyable. The standard of food was very good and the options for children are excellent. Highly impressed with the salad bar and fruit salad, great to see healthy fresh options. I will try to advise my child at home to take time to choose his extras more carefully i.e. look at the salad bar and introduce more choice to his food.
- Very nice meal. Good selection. Nice that there is a salad bar too. Children well behaved.
- Lunch fine. Should have had custard choice with dessert, sponge dry, would maybe prevent wastage. (School comment: On this day, the dessert choice was sponge and fruit or sponge and icing, both of which provided a suitably moist pudding. As our lovely cook knows the children and their individual preferences, a few children do prefer a dry sponge so this was offered as an individual extra option. Custard is provided on other days, depending on the dessert option planned.)
- Good Choice. Would like to encourage my child to use the salad bar.
- Lovely cooked lunch. Good choice. Food well cooked. Very tasty.
- We had a lovely lunch, thank-you for inviting us. The food was very tasty and it was great to see a varied choice with fruit salad and fruit. Very impressed.
- Very enjoyable visit. Delicious food and a good choice for the kids. Better than the school meals I remember.
- Lovely choice, quality food and meats, maybe a little more than 2 croquettes for the children. I will be reminding my child to take more time when choosing. (School comment: Our school cook had previously been serving three croquettes per child and we had so much left on trays, so it was reduced to two. Thank you for your comment - we'll now ask children whether they would prefer two or three croquettes.)
- A fantastic idea. Enjoyed having lunch with my girls.
- Delicious! Very civilised. Lovely meal. Thank you.
- Beautiful Lunch. Lots of choice. Thank you.
- Great standard of food, really enjoyed all of it. Children all seemed very happy too.

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- A great range of food for the children. Nothing but compliments for the quality and the way the school organises it.
- Thank you, very much. Enjoyed it, as both my daughters do!
- Delicious! Pie was yummy as the crumble , need a nap now.
- Lovely pie really enjoyed myself. When can I come back?
- Lovely lunch. Really good quality food and puddings. Impressed with my child's choice , as I was initially concerned about small amount as she'd chosen sandwich, but she got vegetables, crusty bread, biscuit and lolly too. Fantastic! All the children very well behaved also!
- The online menu says that each day milk is available and also frozen yoghurt, which wasn't available today. Otherwise great selection, food very good. Thank You. (School comment: Milk is available every day. We are now on the winter menu and every day the following are available, in addition to the stated dessert choices: yoghurt, fruit salad/fruit and milk. We'll highlight this to the children and have checked that the winter menu states this correctly, which it does.)
- Fantastic meal, love farmhouse pie, the crumble was delicious too. Thank you to the cook, the kitchen staff and Mrs Crayton for inviting us. Would love to do it twice a year.
- Thank you it was tasty and delicious! Well organised - got through quickly.
- Very Good.
- Very well organised - It was like a military operation! The children told me off for chatting-they're used to being in and out I guess. Bit of a random mix for my child to choose to have veg and mash with a Ploughman's. Chocolate crunch for the win!
- Custard could be better but the rest of the lunch was lovely.
- Well organised. Didn't feel as though I was rushed which I think is important for the children to have time to eat. Custard could be better, crunch was yummy! (School comment: As Doncaster School Meals Service ensures a healthy balanced meal, the custard is very low in sugar content so we recognise the taste is not as sweet as many are used to. We will send this document to Doncaster School Meals Service, so we have shared with them all the parent views provided.)
- Very well balanced meal. Very tasty too!
- Very good - wide range of choice.
- Good mix of fruit and veg with Ploughman's. Salad bar great idea. Lovely chocolate crunch.
- Nice salad/pasta bar. Lovely chocolate crunch.
- Very nice, Thank - you! Some portions seemed smaller than others is my only comment, although my child said he wasn't still hungry. (School comment: We try to ensure a consistent portion size for each option, as this is specified in the School Cooks' Manual.)

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- I really enjoyed the lunch and I was impressed by the system. It was an enjoyable experience. I do think the portion size was a bit small for the older children or those with a good appetite but the quality of the food was good.
- A very enjoyable experience. I think the children's portion sizes are very small though and I think the salad bar needs changing - where are the children supposed to put the salad if they have gravy on their plate? (School comment: Salad and gravy is an unusual combination! If children choose vegetables and gravy and also want some salad items, then children could put salad in the space allocated for their cup and collect their cup separately, so we'll tell the children that this is an option.)
- Lovely meal. Feel portions for the children are a little small. Also salad bar - how can children put this onto plates with a meal with gravy? Children told me once they are sat down they are not allowed to go back to the salad bar for more off the salad bar either? Overall great experience. Thank you for inviting us. Lovely dinner ladies.
- Thank you so much for the opportunity to join in. It was a really enjoyable experience! The only small negative would be portion sizes being small for pupils with good appetites.
- Well organised and the children were well behaved and knew the system. I do think the portion sizes were a little on the small size. (School comment: All the comments above about portion size relate to the gammon main choice meal. We appreciate that gammon slices may not look as large a portion as days when there is pie/chicken breast etc. However the meal will have the same nutritional value as other days and when eaten with roast potatoes, the bread option, vegetables/salad and a dessert we hope that you feel the meal is still very good value for the cost. Doncaster School Meals Service Cooks' Manual specifies the weight of meat to be cooked per the numbers of children so that pupils have an appropriate amount of protein served. As above, all your comments will be shared with the School Meals Service.)
- The vegetables (cauliflower and broccoli) didn't go down too well, perhaps choosing one of these with a more popular vegetable might be better. (School comment: Many children at Copley love broccoli but cauliflower is not as popular with all. We balance carrots/peas/sweetcorn/broccoli over the week as children enjoy them and like to offer an alternative to give variety to the children's diet in school.) Overall the menu choice and dessert choice was good and the staff were pleasant and helpful. Glad to see pasta on the salad bar. This was a good substitute for my daughter as she doesn't like roast potatoes. Thank you! It was very tasty, especially the apple crumble!
- The school has organised the dinner process well. Everything I had looked and tasted great. I enjoyed the apple pie and custard it was lovely. Thanks!
- I love this experience - Thank you for allowing it. Gorgeous food and very organised. I love how well the dinner ladies know the children too.

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- Delicious! Thank you. Very well organised and served to all the children with a smile.
- Thank you for a lovely lunch. It was so nice to be able to see what my child has and does.
- Thank you for lunch today. It tasted absolutely delicious.
- It was lovely to see the children at lunch time and watch how the system works.
- Really enjoyed the lunch and pleased to see my child eating so well. Thank you.

