

# **School Webpage Content from Taylor Shaw**

## **Overview and Instructions**

This document contains important information for parents and guardians about Taylor Shaw's catering services at your school which we would ask that you include on your website.

In addition to the contents in this document, we have also attached three PDF resources which can be added as download links to your website:

- Our 3-week menu
- Information Leaflet for Parents & Guardians
- Medical Diet Menus - A Guide for Parents, Guardians & Carers
- Simply Veg – A Resource for Parents and Guardians

In this document we have suggested locations where you may wish to add links to the PDF resources, or alternatively you could choose to place them all together if that is preferable. Finally, at the foot of the document we've included the Taylor Shaw logo.

## **Content**

The school's catering service is provided by Taylor Shaw, caterer of choice for thousands of primary pupils across the UK.

Our menu is appetising, nutritious, balanced, and designed to encourage children to enjoy food, learn, play, and grow. Lunch is an integral part of the school day and something all children should look forward to. Taylor Shaw's dedicated catering team ensures the dining hall is a welcoming and happy place for your child.

Our menus meet the Government's School Food Standards and the bronze Food for Life standards.

- ✓ All items on our menu are freshly cooked by our catering team in your school kitchens to ensure we're always offering fresh and nutritious food whilst minimising salt and sugar in recipes.
- ✓ No undesirable additives or artificial trans fats are used
- ✓ Our menus provide for all dietary and cultural requirements
- ✓ Our suppliers adhere to all appropriate food safety standards
- ✓ Our catering team is supported with skills training in fresh produce

Taylor Shaw's dedicated dietitians work with our Chef teams to ensure our menus are nutritionally sound, shaping recipes to ensure they meet the School Food Standards and standards set by Public Health England.

## **Our Menus**

Our diverse menus include a wide variety of options to suit all tastes and are based on feedback from pupils, staff, the catering team, parents and guardians. We run a three-week menu cycle that changes twice a year.

**[ADD LINK \[View/Download Three Week Menu\]](#)**

## **Managing Allergies & Other Medical Diets**

Your child's health and safety will always be of the utmost importance to us, and having accurate information about dietary needs and allergies is crucial for us to prepare and serve meals that meet their requirements

Taylor Shaw's dietitians and catering team work together and follow a robust process, so you can feel reassured that whenever safely possible, an alternative menu will be provided. All the teams receive allergy training annually, and whenever there's an update to allergen laws.

Our guide 'Medical Diet Menus - A Guide for Parents, Guardians & Carers' contains further information about the medical diet process and includes step by step instructions for you to record this information to ensure we are fully aware of any medical diet requirements.

[\*\*ADD LINK \[Download/View Medical Diet Menus - A Guide for Parents, Guardians & Carers\]\*\*](#)

### **About Our Food**

Our menu is sourced responsibly and uses:

- Red Tractor-certified meat
- Marine Stewardship Council fish (MSC)
- Free-range eggs
- Local suppliers for bread, fruit & vegetables, and dairy products to reduce food miles
- Seasonal produce

### **Eat & Learn**

We encourage pupils to learn about food through our food education program which includes fun-themed events, assemblies, and displays with messaging around health and wellbeing.

### **Eating a School Lunch is Better for Your Child**

Did you know only 1% of packed lunches meet the nutritional standards that currently apply to school food? Here are five reasons school lunches are better:

- They can save time & money
- They're nutritionally better than a packed lunch
- They promote a varied diet & encourage new tastes
- They support inclusivity, dining with friends
- They help academic attainment by being linked to improved concentration

[\*\*ADD LINK \[Download/View 'Information Leaflet for Parents & Guardians'\]\*\*](#)

### **Free School Meals**

Primary school children in state-funded schools in London will continue to get free school meals for the next four years. The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, has extended the funding to help build a better and fairer London for everyone. The extension of universal free school meals could save families over £500 per child per year.

This is vital support for families facing a cost of living crisis, and will ensure that state primary school children get at least one nutritious meal a day.

### **Register with your council for free school meals**

Children will receive their free school meal under the Mayor's scheme automatically, but it is really important that parents and guardians continue to complete their school or borough's registration form because a child may be eligible for extra funding for their school from the government, which is worth £1,300 per year.

In some boroughs and schools there are also extra entitlements parents and guardians might be eligible for, such as support for food in the school holidays.

Find more information about how to register for government free school meals on a borough's website, or by contacting the school.

### **Simply Veg – A Resource for Parents and Guardians**

Simply Veg brings together a range of expert contributors including chef's, nutritionists, psychologists and children's entertainers to combine their skills to improve UK families' diets. Simply Veg helps parents with the real challenges they face every day around the different aspects of feeding their children.

Support and resources focus on creating a positive food environment within the home, how to gently engage kids, understand their natural taste and sensory preferences, effective role modelling and what to do when your children just say "no". In addition, Simply Veg provides advice aimed specifically at families with neurodiverse children developed with support from a specialist dietitian.

To find out more click on [Simply Veg – A Resource for Parents and Guardians](#)

To access the Simply Veg website click here <https://simplyveg.org.uk/>

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<https://taylorshaw.com/>

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