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# School meals

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Blackpool Catering Services are passionate about food and providing a high quality catering service across Blackpool and surrounding areas.

The service has been established for over 20 years and has a dedicated team of local staff and management giving you confidence and knowledge that your catering service is in safe hands.

Our service is dedicated and concentrates on our community here in Blackpool. This ensures we have the knowledge and understanding of the pressures faced by your organisation and enables us to deliver a tailored service and with our highly skilled and professional staff, we hope to become an invaluable member of your team.

We currently provide catering services to numerous primary schools and academies, high schools and special educational needs schools within Blackpool. As well as providing catering services to schools and academies, we are the service provider to children's centres, pupil referral units and private nurseries, as well as the new cafe - Brew@Anchorholme Park.

## Relevant menus - Food for pupils, chosen by pupils!

Operating a service in one of the most deprived areas of the country we know how important lunch is to our young people in Blackpool.

Our talented chefs and cooks create two exciting menus per year and have adopted the "Health by Stealth" approach. We will work in partnership with you to bespoke a menu that meets the needs and tastes of your young people.

When developing our menu the team look at current food trends and the creation of new dishes. We meet with school councils and collate feedback from young people who have tasted our new dishes and then we meet together as a menu planning team to discuss and finalise our new menus. This builds the core menu that can be adapted and changed to ensure we meet the needs of your school, maintain retention, increase uptake and most importantly ensuring every child has access and receives a healthy, nutritious meal every school day.

## Award winning school meals

### Veg-o-Meter

In 2021 we pledged to the Food For Life Association to improve our Vegetable portions by 10% through hard work and dedication, we managed to beat this target and grow our Vegetable portions by 171%, resulting in us being awarded the Food For Life 'Peas Please' award - Veg-o-Meter!



### APSE innovation award

On 4 March 2022 we won an [APSE Innovation Award](#) for the modernisation of the catering services.

### Public Sector Catering Awards

In September 2021 we won Team of the Year! ([LACA/Public Sector Catering Awards](#)) Quote from Derek 'Delighted for the team, it's an honour to work with so many dedicated staff in Blackpool, serving meals in



the community, impacting on health, education and employment.'



Our Catering Services manager, Derek was also a finalist for Catering Manager of The Year at the [LACA/Public Sector Catering awards](#) on Thursday 7 April 2022 and was shortlisted for the Craft and Guild of Chefs 'Culinary Hero' Award in 2022,

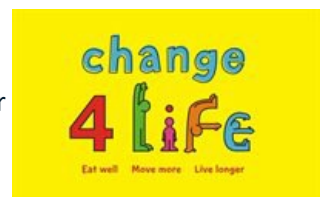
## Healthy choices

Blackpool Catering Services have been awarded the Healthier Choices award.



## Change for life

We support Change for Life and we encourage children to make and sustain changes that will improve their health.



We actively encourage children to eat better and exercise more.

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