



We are incredibly excited that North Eats, a partnership between Chartwells and Durham County Council and Schools, will be taking over the catering at the school your child attends at the start of the next academic year.

We believe that the key to fuelling young minds comes from understanding both what they need and what they enjoy, which is why we're passionate about serving nutritious and delicious food that pupils love, alongside helping to ensure a healthy body and mind.

North Eats is committed to serving delicious, seasonal, and healthy menus, using carefully selected ingredients that we know pupils love, in doing so reducing waste and helping to build a more sustainable world for future generations.

We will add a selection of new dishes to the menu, while retaining the current popular dishes and theme days that the children know and love. All menus will meet the nutritional guidelines outlined in the school food standards.

Our team are at the very heart of everything we do. All current employees working in the school kitchen and catering team, have been offered a role within the new contract.

Our focus is to invest in the local community and provide enrichening experiences. Part of this focus will see us deliver in the coming year Chartwells' award-winning Beyond The Kitchen programme to schools and local communities, delivering targeted workshops focused around five core themes; Nutrition and Health, Cooking and Food, Mental Wellbeing, Sports and Exercise and Sustainability.

Considering the well documented inflationary pressures the market faces into, there will be a small increase to the meal price from £2.20 to £2.25 in September. All children in Key Stage 1 continue to eat free under the Universal Infant Free School Meals policy, as do those eligible for free school meals.

Chartwells is one of the UK's largest education sector caterers. It cultivates a love of fantastic food through exceptional catering services, brought to life by passionate, value-driven teams. You can learn more about Chartwells here – <u>https://www.chartwells.co.uk/</u>



