





CATERING, CLEANING & CONSULTANCY SERVICES



Aspens is the company chosen by your school to provide the meal service to our students. We specialise in providing catering to schools and colleges across the country.

The food children eat at school plays an important role in their wellbeing, and eating a well-balanced diet will not only maintain and improve their health, but will also set them on the right track for later life. We understand this and that's why we are passionate about serving fresh, high quality and locally sourced food that is cooked in our kitchen.

# Responsible catering

At Aspens - we take our responsibility of catering for today's children and young adults seriously. All of our dishes are prepared everyday using quality, fresh and seasonal ingredients that are responsibly sourced.

As well as ensuring the food on the plate is healthy, we want our customers to understand the importance of eating the right foods and help them with their food and nutrition journey.

## Great tasting food that your children will love

We know that our menus are good and lots of children enjoy one of our meals every day. But take a look at the other reasons why our meals are great:

- We are proud to support British farmers and producers and we take the sourcing of our ingredients seriously.
- Buying local, British produce enables us to support our farmers and invest in our local communities.
- We have awards from the British Hen Welfare Trust and Compassion in World Farming for our use of free range eggs.
- We make sure we have the freshest and highest quality produce on our menu.
- We buy Red Tractor, farm assured meat and poultry.
- Our menus don't contain any undesirable additives, hydrogenated fats or GM ingredients.

Just as you'd expect, you can trust us to provide meals which meet the Government's School Food Standards.

Our menus are full of protein, whole grain rice and pasta, and vitamin-packed fresh fruits and vegetables to ensure your child has the fuel to perform academically throughout the school day.

## Special diets and food allergens

Don't think your child can't enjoy our great food if they have a special diet - they are an important part of our catering service. We can provide food if they have an intolerance, an allergy, or require an alternative choice due to religious beliefs.

Legislation requires caterers to provide allergen information on food sold that is served 'unpackaged'. Aspens already cater for lots of children with allergies and we regularly check the information from suppliers to see if there have been any ingredient changes. It is still important that our customers talk to us so we can work together and continue to provide meals that are safe for them to eat.

#### Free School Meals

All children that are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to receive free school meals. We think it's a fantastic idea so please make sure you get on board and support this initiative.

If you have an older child, you may still be entitled to free school meals. For more information and details on how to claim, visit https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

It is important that you claim for your free school meal funding so please ensure you contact your school office for more information.

# Hello from Bubble and Squeak

Bubble and Squeak are our school meal characters - chosen by a group of pupils at St Andrews Junior School in North Somerset.

The children picked them simply because they made them feel happy and would help them enjoy their school lunch. What more could we ask for?

Watch out for them over the coming months. They will be featured in lots of fun things for your children to do and they will help to educate them around the importance of eating well.



# Get in touch

Aspens are experts in school catering and have years of experience when it comes to school food. If you have any questions about our service, or any special dietary requirements - please get in touch. You can contact us via email on info@aspens-services.co.uk or call on 01905 759613. You will also find a host of information on our website – www.aspens-services.co.uk

