

DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL
Policy for the Provision of Meals in Schools and Colleges

- 1 To ensure that every pupil who wishes to can have a nutritionally balanced two course cooked meal without discrimination against those who are entitled to a free meal.
- 2 Governors will review annually the level of subsidy available to the meal service.
- 3 All other meals and refreshments offered for sale should conform to the school's pricing policy.
- 4 Pupils receiving a free meal will be entitled to a nutritionally balanced two course cooked meal.
- 5 Every effort will be made to provide meals which meet the dietary preference of pupils.
- 6 The provision of meals and refreshments will take account of food hazard warnings.
- 7 Those pupils that bring in packed lunches should be included within the dining facilities and have drinking water available.
- 8 **Healthy Eating** – To ensure the availability of healthy food choices at an affordable price, in accordance with the Education (Nutritional Standards for School Lunches) (England) Regulations 2000. Catering staff will produce healthier foods. The education of consumers will be considered so that they are more able to make healthier choices.
- 9 **Diversity of Service** – To ensure that pupils and staff receive a flexible and diverse service to accommodate time, suitability and sustainability.
- 10 **Equity of Access** – To provide suitable access, irrespective of disability, to service areas, dining accommodation and tills, where appropriate for pupils and staff.

The school actively promotes by providing meals, that pupils are made aware of the importance of the social aspect of eating together and understand the benefits of choosing a healthier meal.

Last Review Date: March 2014

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