

Golden Thread Alliance



Food Survey 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Following our trust wide food survey, and listening to pupils. Your feedback has been really helpful, and below are some of the changes we've made to our Winter 23/Spring 24 Menu to make our foodservice better for your child.

It's really difficult to please absolutely everyone, but I hope lots of you will see that your feedback has been incorporated.

We'll continue to listen to parents and pupils so that our menus can evolve to better suit our pupils, and drive higher uptake of School Meals.

As always-Please get in touch if you have any questions or comments about your school meal service via email to chris.carroll@golden-thread.org

Chris Carroll – Trust Catering Manager

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You said

"menu could be simpler, with more traditional favourites like lasagna, spaghetti Bolognese, sausages"

We did

In our new menu we've simplified the main courses to make them more recognizable and accessible for as many pupils as possible.

You said

"fish and chips on a Friday, roast dinner on a Wednesday"

We did

We've gone back to this more traditional format on our menu.

You said

You voted that our vegetarian vegan offer is really good, but feedback was that it would be good to have a vegetarian version of the main course where possible (e.g vegetarian shepherds pie, vegetarian lasagne).

We did

Where ever possible the vegetarian/plant based option mirrors the main course dish.

You said

"Could we have sausages and chips and fish and chips"

We did

Our new menu has these dishes.

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You said

"less cakes and biscuits and sugary desserts"

We did

On our new menu we have introduced "Fresh fruit Mondays and Wednesdays" so instead of a baked dessert we will have our fresh fruit platters for pupils to enjoy.

All of our desserts are school food plan compliant, and we use a lower sugar jelly and unsweetened yogurt, reducing sugar in recipes wherever possible.

You also said

"Can we have cookies, ice cream and chocolate cake?"

We did

These options are available across our 3 week menu.

You said

"Can we have baguettes on Wednesdays with the option of a hot filling?"

We did

On our latest menu we have done this—so pupils can choose to have a traditional roast served in a baguette.