



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

Success Beyond Belief

A Church of England Academy

MEALS POLICY

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VISION:

That every young person graduates from Aylesbury Vale Academy as citizens of an international community where they have the mobility borne from their outlook, qualifications, skills and experience to be successful.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES: WE ADOPT THE CHRISTIAN VALUES OF:

- Honesty
- Respect
- Compassion
- Love
- Forgiveness
- Self-discipline
- Creativity
- Hope

OBJECTIVES:

1. To ensure the free meal criteria is met for eligible students.
2. To ensure paid meals provided within the Academy comply with national nutritional standards.

MONITORING (via Governors' Management Committee):

1. Throughout the academic year the committee will regularly review the meal arrangements within the Academy to ensure that the expected quality of meals and delivery are in place at all times.
1. The committee will gain evidence from the catering suppliers via the Estate Manager.
2. The chair of the committee will ask to see a report from the Estate Manager that meals and the provision of them adheres to the policy criteria.
3. The committee will be provided with the findings of the report.
4. Visit the Academy to follow lines of enquiry as a result of the committee meeting (adhering to the protocol for governor visits).

REVIEWING

The Governing Body is responsible for reviewing its policies and the Principal is responsible for reporting on the implementation of the policy.

1. Has the policy been successfully implemented?
2. Has the policy had the intended impact in the Academy and on the young people?
3. Are the current objectives to remain the same and do they support other policies and development priorities?

NOMINATED MEMBER OF STAFF:

ESTATE MANAGER

APPENDIX 1

Operating Statement

The duty to provide free meals to eligible pupils, paid lunches where parents request them, and to comply with national nutritional standards, rests with the Academy. Where an Academy's budget share includes an amount in respect of meals and other refreshments this duty rests with the Academy's Governing Body.

The Academy/Governing Body may provide meals or other refreshments to pupils, either on the Academy premises or elsewhere where education is provided.

The Academy/Governing Body must provide facilities for pupils not taking Academy meals, so they can eat meals which they've brought to the Academy. These facilities include; accommodation, furniture and supervision, which allow students to eat their meals in suitable conditions. The Academy cannot charge pupils for using these facilities.

Free Academy meals

Students whose parents receive the following are entitled to free Academy meals:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual taxable income (as assessed by The Inland Revenue) which from 6 April 2006 does not exceed £14,155;
- or the Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit.

N.B. Students who receive IS and IBJSA in their own right are also entitled to free Academy meals.

All other pupils must be charged the same amount for the same quantity of the same food, although the meals may be subsidised. Neither the governing body nor the LA has the power to provide free meals to any other pupils.

Paid meals service

A duty requiring LAs and governing bodies to offer paid meals, where parents request them, was introduced from 1st April 2001.

Nutritional standards

The Academy Standards and Framework Act 1998 (section 114) gives the Secretary of State the power to make regulations setting out compulsory minimum nutritional standards for Academy lunches.

See The Education (Nutritional Standards for Academy Lunches) (England) Regulations 2000 (SI 2000 No. 1777) for further information.

These regulations came into effect on 1st April 2001. The nutritional standards are food based rather than nutrient based, to make them easier for caterers to understand and interpret when planning meals. More importantly, they are easier for pupils to identify with and will foster a wider understanding of food. Guidance on the new standards is available on the DCSF's Academy meals website.