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INTRODUCTION

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to be working with AiP as our Trust-wide catering provider. Ensuring the health and well-being of our pupils is our top priority. We believe that the food they eat at school plays a crucial role in helping them thrive both inside and outside the classroom.

All meals are freshly prepared in our GLT school kitchens, either at Elmhurst or Great Missenden. This allows us to customise the menu to suit the preferences and needs of our school communities, ensuring that every meal is of the highest quality. Bread is freshly baked in the kitchens every morning; yoghurt is made on-site and served in bowls to reduce plastic waste and pupils are offered an unlimited salad bar and a fantastic range of fruit every day.

We are committed to helping our pupils develop lifelong healthy eating habits. Each school has a Food Smart Squad, a group of students who test the menu and provide valuable feedback. This involvement helps us continually improve our offer and ensures that the meals are both nutritious and appealing. Our varied menu and theme days aim to enhance pupils' cultural experiences through food. We encourage children to try new dishes, broadening their culinary horizons and fostering an appreciation for different cultures.

We wanted to share more information about the AiP catering service to reassure you that your child is receiving balanced and nutritious meals at school. AiP's dedication to quality and nutrition aligns perfectly with our commitment to your child's well-being.

Thank you for your support and trust in our efforts to provide the best for our children.

Sarah Baber

Chief Executive Officer – Great Learners Trust

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WELCOME TO ALLIANCE IN PARTNERSHIP



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EXPERTS IN SCHOOL FOOD



Established in 1998, AiP was founded on a fresh food ethos that supports healthy eating and enables children to be the best they can be.

Over 25 years on, we hold true to our founding principles, and today serve over 100,000 meals per day in more than 400 schools across the UK!

Our top chefs and expert nutritionists have designed our primary school brand – Food Smart - to focus on enhancing children's well-being with tasty meals that keep them energised and able to concentrate throughout the day.

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MEET THE GLT TEAM



Jo Adamson

Business Director

With over 20 years' experience of catering in the education sector, Jo is responsible for our catering contract at GLT. Jo works with the team to ensure they have the resources they need to deliver high-quality school food experiences.



Dawn Bunting

Operations Manager

As the Operations Manager for GLT, Dawn regularly visits each school to support our onsite catering teams and monitor our service levels. Dawn gets involved in school open evenings, organising added value activities and gathers feedback on our food from parents, pupils and staff.

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Sacha Connolly

Group Manager for GLT

A long-standing member of our GLT catering team, Sacha has spent many years as the Catering Manager at Elmhurst School and has most recently progressed to Group Manager overseeing our day-to-day Trust-wide catering services.



Sal Martin

Craft Chef

Based locally to GLT, Sal is a trained chef and supports with menu development, staff culinary training, and delivering added value food activities across GLT. When Sal isn't in her chef whites she can often be found dressed as a banana bringing fun to lunch times!

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INTRODUCING...



WHAT'S ON THE MENU?



Built for primary school pupils, Food Smart is about having fun with food, creating welcoming dining spaces and producing engaging menus.

Whilst food should be fun, we also recognise our responsibility to encourage children to make healthy food choices. That's why we work hard with our suppliers and food development teams to provide balanced, seasonal menus that make food exciting for the hundreds of pupils we cater to every day.

Food Smart cooks ups freshly prepared primary school meals that exceed the government's school food standards and are served by our friendly catering teams across the GLT.

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WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

Our team of Development Chefs, Operations Managers, School Cooks, Nutritionists, and perhaps most importantly, primary school children, work together to develop menus that are led by insight and direct feedback from pupils to ensure we create food choices that are popular.

With a combination of classic favourites and internationally inspired choices, we are confident that our Food Smart menus will offer something for everyone across the GLT school communities.

Inclusivity is at the heart of our menu development. To make our menus as accessible as possible for all pupils regardless of their dietary needs we're continually adapting our recipes to remove unnecessary allergens.

Alongside our core menus, we have a huge range of theme day menus which our teams will feature every month at GLT schools to keep children excited and engaged in the lunch service.

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY OUR MENUS!



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SHHH... IT'S A SECRET!





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ADDING VALUE

Bringing the smoothie bike to GLT schools is just one of the ways we make eating & learning about fruit and vegetables fun for pupils!







Sacha, Sal and Katherine (Food For Life Coordinator) were busy making nutritious fruity smoothies at Great Missenden Primary School this year!

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YOUR FEEDBACK

We love gathering pupils' and parents' view on our service as this helps us to develop our service. Every term we conduct surveys and use this insight to inform our menus. Here is some feedback from parents across the Great Learner's Trust:

Wow so many vegetables. Amazing how you can hide so much also, such a great idea will be trying this at home



Love the range on the salad bar, so much to choose from..

I would never have thought courgette will work in a cake. It tastes lovely

The is such a wide choice on the menu, it's great. Can I come and have lunch lol

My child loves the puddings here and especially the choice of different fruits.



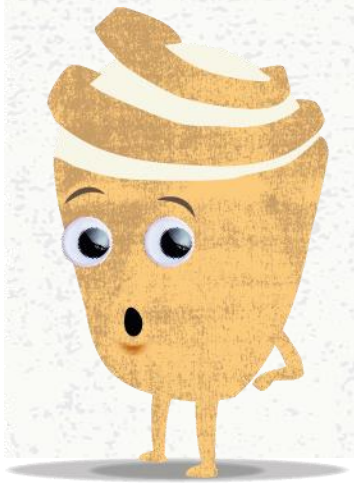
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SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY

We're committed to making a difference to the communities we serve. One of the ways we do this is by giving every employee 3 days paid volunteering leave a year to spend supporting local causes and/or initiatives that reduce food poverty.

This year a team of AiP volunteers painted the inclusion room at Great Missenden CoE Primary School and restored several playground benches, benefiting the educational environment for both pupils and staff.





Delivering sustainable catering services is another way we look to protect our local communities and the environment. We incorporate 'wonky' fruit and vegetables in our menus, feature Future-50 foods that have a lower carbon footprint and use waste tracking technology to minimise food being thrown away. These activities are just some of the ways we are protecting our planet through our school food services at GLT.

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HOW TO ORDER

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SCHOOL FOOD UNITED



School Food United is our award-winning online payment and ordering system for parents.

Download our app to start making ordering school meals easier and safer; guarantee your child's choice, ensure their dietary requirements are met and help us to limit food waste!

Don't forget to register for our marketing updates so you receive notifications about up-coming theme days, competitions, surveys and new menu items.



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Order, amend or cancel meals on the go.

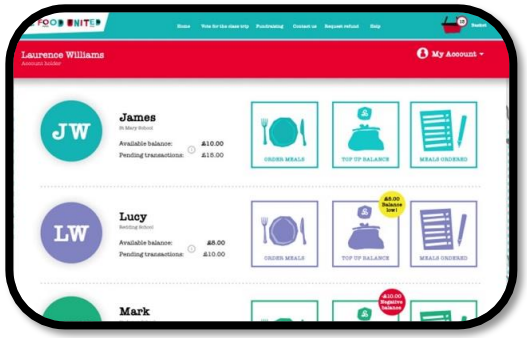
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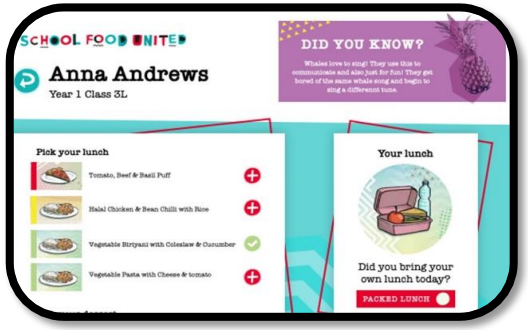
Flexible system that allows you to order ahead for the week or term.

Get in touch with us directly via the contact us area.

Top up your account and track transactions from anywhere.







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