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Whole School Healthy Food Policy

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1. Policy Name

Whole School Healthy Food Policy

Huxlow Academy actively supports healthy eating and drinking throughout the school day.

2. Policy Aims

We aim to ensure that all aspects of food and nutrition in school promote the health and well-being of students, staff, and visitors to our academy. We aim to create an environment which supports a healthy lifestyle and celebrates cultural diversity.

3. Applicability

In support of our aim, we will:

Promote health awareness.

Contribute to the healthy mental and physical development of all members of our academy community.

Give consistent messages about food and health.

Give our students the information they need to make healthy choices.

Ensure that all aspects of food and nutrition in the academy promote and improve the health and well-being of the whole academy community by helping to influence their eating habits through increasing their knowledge and awareness of food issues, including what constitutes a healthy and environmentally sustainable diet.

Ensure that every student has access to safe, tasty, and nutritious food by using fresh fruit and vegetables.

Ensure that students remain on the school site during lunchtimes (this excludes sixth form students).

Ensure that school caterers meet the National Nutritional Standards for School Lunches.

Ensure appropriate food safety precautions are taken when food is prepared and stored. These vary depending on the food on offer and including ensuring that adequate storage and washing facilities are available; that food handlers undergo appropriate food training, and that suitable equipment and protective clothing are available.

Ensure any food hazards are identified and controlled.

Consult our local Environmental Health Department about legal requirements.

Use a biometric payment system in the canteen.

Update free school meal lists on a weekly basis.

Provide a safe, easily accessible water supply during the school day.

Provide a breakfast club from 8:20am in the canteen for all students.

Identify students in need and ensure they have access to food from the canteen in the event of financial hardship or other concern.

Support students with food allergies, documenting symptoms and adverse reactions, actions to be taken in an emergency.

Ensure that the Catering Manager is made aware of any food allergies or food intolerances and requests for special diets to be submitted.

Ensure that the provision and consumption of food is an enjoyable, healthy, and safe experience which encourages positive social and cultural interaction whilst reflecting the ethnic, religious, vegetarian, and medical needs of students and staff.

Deliver the curriculum to support healthy lifestyles

Our objectives are to:

Review the formal curriculum to ensure information relating to food and nutrition in different lesson areas is consistent and up to date.

Work with the Canteen staff to ensure healthy food options, serving a range of items.

Promote healthy eating and drinking messages through celebrating food diversity from different countries.

Endeavour wherever possible to accommodate students' specialist dietary requirements including allergies, intolerances, religious or cultural practices.

Ensure that teachers who are taking responsibility for food in the classroom have relevant food hygiene training.

Ensure that staff in the Canteen have the relevant food hygiene training.

4. Body of Policy

In line with the National Criteria seen at Appendix 1 to this policy, and in accordance with the **School Food Regulations 2014**, the **School Food Standards**, and associated statutory guidance, Huxlow Academy will meet its objectives by implementing the following:

Compliance with School Food Regulations 2014

Huxlow Academy explicitly commits to **full compliance with the School Food Regulations 2014**, which set out legal requirements for:

- All school lunches
- All food and drink provided outside lunchtime, including breakfast clubs, mid-morning break, vending, snacks, and after-school provision (up to 6pm)

This includes meeting prescribed standards on:

- Food groups
- Fat, sugar, and salt limits
- Food frequency
- Allowable drinks

Food Provision Outside Lunchtime

The Academy will ensure that **all food and drink provided at breakfast club, breaktime, enrichment, and after-school activities meets the statutory food-based standards**, including:

- Prohibition of high-sugar, high-fat, and high-salt snacks
- Provision of fruit/vegetables wherever snacks are offered
- Permitted drinks only (plain water, milk, unsweetened juices in controlled volumes)

Allergen Management and PPDS Compliance

In addition to current allergy processes, the Academy will:

- Comply with the Food Information Regulations 2014 regarding allergen declaration
- Ensure clear labelling of all prepacked for direct sale (PPDS) foods in line with Natasha’s Law

Monitoring and Quality Assurance

To ensure continuous compliance:

- The Catering Manager and Business Manager will use the **DfE School Lunch Checklist** and **Food Other Than Lunch Checklist** to complete termly audits
- Governors will monitor school food provision in line with DfE’s guidance for governing bodies

The Assistant Headteacher for character and personal development is responsible for leading the school council. They will gather feedback from the students on all aspects of food and nutrition, seeking their views and input. The Assistant Headteacher will give feedback to the Business Manager who will discuss matters arising with the Catering Manager. The Business Manager and Assistant Headteacher are responsible for monitoring that we meet our objectives as detailed in this policy. The Headteacher is responsible for supporting staff in the delivery of this policy. The Academy Improvement Board will monitor that the policy is upheld.

Signed*D McVean*.....

Date ...25.03.2026.....

Chair of Local Governing Board

Appendix 1: National Criteria

Students have the confidence, skills and understanding to make healthy food choices. Healthy and nutritious food and drink is available throughout the school day.

A Healthy School:

- Has identified a member of the SLT to oversee all aspects of food in schools.
- Ensures provision of training in practical food education, including diet, nutrition, food safety and hygiene for staff.
- Has a whole school food policy.
- Involves students.
- Has a welcoming eating environment that encourages the positive social interaction of students (see Food in Schools guidance).
- Ensures healthier food and drink options are available and promoted at breaks, lunchtimes and in breakfast clubs as outlined by Food in Schools guidance.
- Has meals that are nutritious and healthy (see Food in Schools guidance) and meet or exceed National Standards and is working towards the latest DfES guidance on improving school meals service monitors students' menus and food choices to inform policy development and provision.
- Ensures that students have opportunities to learn about different types of food in the context of a balanced diet and how to plan, budget, prepare and cook meals. Understanding the need to avoid the consumption of foods high in salt, sugar and fat and increase the consumption of fruit and vegetables.
- Has easy access to free, clean, and palatable drinking water, using the Food in Schools guidance.
- Consults students about food choices throughout the day using school councils, healthy school task group or other representative bodies.

Appendix 2: The Eatwell Guide

