

55362 Food Wastage in Schools

Please also confirm your internal definition of wastage.

- Food waste education is promoted in schools and menu items and products are monitored regularly to ensure they are within the legislation.
- ParentPay is utilised for menu ordering to allow the kitchens to only produce meals that are ordered by parents. This allows Pupils to choose what they like and since the introduction of ParentPay, kitchen waste had reduced significantly.
- Many Schools have eco-Champions to promote recycling initiatives Locally.
- Catering teams work collaboratively with Schools locally to ensure food waste is managed effectively in the dining hall daily
- Food waste in the kitchen is managed by the unit manager and catering team kitchen food waste is managed to a minimum during the preparation process.

Food is collected in external food waste bins by the Council's Waste and Cleansing team - this is taken to an anaerobic digester which turns the food waste into electricity to help power homes and offices.

- The catering team have clear guidance on environmental process and policies are regularly reviewed.
- Single use materials have been removed where possible to reduce carbon footprint
- All waste is segregated and removed by the Council's waste service. Due to the multi-pickups of the waste, it is impossible to weigh the total waste provided by schools.

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The Council does not record food wastage in schools.