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COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 21 JULY 2022

Question to Cllr Price Cabinet Member for Education (and SEND)

By Cllr Hussain

Question

What remedies will the council consider in response to the anticipated decrease in quality and quantity of school meals owing to inflation?

Reply

Individual schools and academy trusts are responsible for procuring their school meals. The government has set school food standards which are designed to help children develop healthy eating habits and ensure that they have the energy and nutrition they need to get the most from their whole school day.

When agreeing a contract, school leaders should ensure the contract specification includes the School Food Standards, Professional Standards, food quality and lunchtime experience.

Through the joint venture company Entrust, many schools have a schools meal contract with 'Chartwells'. This contract does include an expectation that the school food standards will be delivered.

Across the country school meal providers will be facing the same challenges. It is for schools to ensure that standards are maintained.