



The opportunity to deliver a first class service to young people in our schools and the community

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Nationally



- Introduction of Universal Free School Meals to all Primary school age children
- Early years expansion including meals, snack and milk
- Scottish Government School Food Nutritional Standards
- The link between food and attainment in schools
- The importance of Food education within schools and our communities
- 32 Local Authorities
- 350,000 meals per day
- Collaboration between all partners and colleagues
- Recognition for using local suppliers

Catering Services



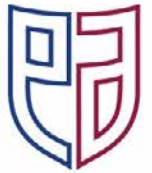
- Using local suppliers since 2004
- GOLD Food for Life Award since 2008
- 72% of our food spend is with local suppliers
- Rural and urban areas
- 16000 pupils attending East Ayrshire Schools
- 3000 Early Childhood places
- 36 Primary Schools and 7 Secondary Schools
- Community Food Larder Support

Drivers for Change



- Supporting local suppliers
- Engaging with the community
- Food education programmes within schools and the community
- Fresh local produce
- Freshly cooked food in Schools
- Building that sustainable model
- Reducing food waste and utilising surplus food
- Supplier engagement, locally and nationally
- Up skilling staff and training

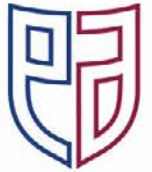
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Food Education Programmes



Practicality



Staff and Establishments

- Start with a pilot
- Tailor menus and recipe development to get the optimum result
- Ensure staff and stakeholders understand and support
- Promote East Ayrshires food culture and Community Plan
- Develop food education and public information sessions.

Producers/suppliers/procurement

- Tender in suitable geographic and produce lots
- Public sector contracts offer suppliers secure payment and a predictable demand
- This can in turn increase employment opportunities locally
- Recognise SME's can be disadvantaged by lack of tendering experience
- How to encourage SME's to invest.

Practicality



Community

- Value that public food offers access to good food and nutrition for all – social justice
- Supports opportunities for learning about food.
- Reputation and public confidence in the local authority service that they are providing fresh, quality cooked meals in schools

• Benefits

- Reduce the food miles
- Making use of Supplier Community benefits
- Investment in local business
- Circular economy
- Value the food we put on the plate



Thank you

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