

**Visit from Leicestershire County Council School Catering Services**  
**Report by Chair of Newton Burgoland School Council**  
**25<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

1. Background:

In a recent pupil survey there were complaints about the school dinners so our Head Teacher organised a visit from Leicestershire County Council food catering services (FCS) to ask what was wrong and if there was anything they could change.

2. Overview of visit:

A meeting was arranged between Mrs Ward (Head Teacher), pupils and teachers from class 3 and 4 and the FCS representative.

3. Summary of meeting:

There was a long discussion about which foods were liked and disliked. For example, here are a few foods that were enjoyed, fish fillet, roast dinner, pork burger with apple, chicken pie and meatballs. The less popular foods were the pasta, the mashed potatoes (which pupils said were watery), chips (which were soggy or dry), and sausages (which pupils said can be a little undercooked on the outside). The FCS representative was aware of the issue with the mashed potatoes and was looking to change it.

A question was raised about having some of the more popular options more than once a week. We were informed that there can only be one deep fried option a week on the menu so this is not always possible. Sometimes a group of popular or unpopular meals appear on the menu on the same day. Pupils all agreed they would like more ketchup.

Overall there were marginally more liked than disliked meals.

4. Outcome:

The FCS representative listened to all points of view and took the information back to the County Council to consider.

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Chair of School Council