

FOOD FOR LIFE SILVER AWARD INFORMATION

Derbyshire County Council Catering Service have been awarded the Silver Food for Life Catering Mark in recognition of the high quality food that they serve in Primary Schools and Nurseries across the county.

The Silver Award recognises additional work in primary schools and nurseries after gaining the Bronze Award last year.

The focus is on the use of organic produce, ethical and environmentally friendly food and locally sourced ingredients. The County Council has free range and fair trade products and spends a minimum of five per cent of its total ingredient budget on organic produce. Lower Hurst Farm in Hartington supply the organic beef and the organic yogurt comes from Yeo Valley Farm. The silver award also recognises that the Catering Service uses ingredients that are better for animal welfare.

In April 2015 Derbyshire County Council achieved the Food for Life bronze accreditation (FFL). This accreditation sets out a detailed specification that we must adhere to ensure our menu is fully compliant. For example, we must ensure 75% of our menu is kitchen produced, all our meat is UK Farm Assured and the products we use are fully traceable. There is an extensive list of criteria that must be applied to our menu to ensure we adhere to the silver accreditation, please see the link below for more details.

<http://www.foodforlife.org.uk/>