

# MUNCH ensures that no child, no matter what school or age need go hungry during the holidays.

As a school we were aware of the food poverty that some of our community experience and were concerned students were going hungry. This was reinforced when volunteers told us that the local food bank was consistently running out of food. We set up a community group to tackle food poverty in our area and **MUNCH** was born.

We successfully contacted external agencies for funding and **MUNCH** has been operating for a year supplying nutritious two course meals and activities during school holidays. Support agencies are in attendance to engage in conversation with the families.

Play equipment is provided, and we are developing a group of learning practitioners who will be able to help our guests learn via play, encouraging the learning of vital maths and English skills. Our NHS school nurse is also on hand, on a drop in basis for any concerns the parents may have.

We work with organisations who have excess food which otherwise would go into landfill. This also fills the **MUNCH** fridge in the Dickinson Centre, which supplies emergency food provision to the local families most in need.

We now provide meals on both Thursday nights and Sunday lunches, these are timed to be just before a weekly/monthly pay day.

Our vision for **MUNCH** is to develop a sustainable social enterprise, establishing a community food shop and café to provide volunteering and employment opportunities.

## Barney Barron PO9 Pioneers

I live and work in Leigh Park and have the privilege of partnering in some of the community projects delivered by Park Community School. In particular, the **MUNCH** project is an area the school have gone above and beyond to meet the needs of the community.

Food poverty is a serious and increasingly common problem in our community.

For many who cannot afford to feed their children leaving them at risk of hunger and malnutrition. **MUNCH** provides a healthy breakfast and cooked lunch. This extends to Christmas day with hearty Christmas fare and entertainment and has been extended to term time with a weekly evening meal and Sunday lunch.

The **MUNCH** project also offers a real sense of community and support. Often lone parents struggling to cope, feeling quite isolated really benefit from coming to **MUNCH** and see the children entertained whilst having someone to talk to. The value of the **MUNCH** project for our community is immeasurable providing a lifeline to many.



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just a school

**2,570 Meals**  
provided so far

**1,892 Children**  
have attended

**Children from 34**  
schools have attended

**Average daily**  
attendance **60 people**

**Over 20 organisations**  
help fund

**4 Churches**  
volunteer

**120 People**  
at Christmas lunch

# Thank you to our MUNCH funders

This project has taken time to develop and it was only possible because lots of individuals and groups recognised there is a need in our community.

We are extremely proud to be the home of **MUNCH**.

We have been overwhelmed at the generosity of everyone from those donating services, money, volunteer hours, agencies referring families to us, food and presents.

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Be proud you have made a difference to our community.  
Thank you

- APS Products Ltd
- Anonymous Donors
- Fare Share
- Fatface Foundation
- Hampshire County Council
- Havant Borough Councillors
- Havant Rotary Club
- IPA
- Leigh park Food Bank
- Pfizer Biotech
- Portsmouth Football Club
- Portsmouth Community Church
- Postcode Publications Ltd
- PO9 Pioneers
- Road Runner Dispatch
- Seaward Properties
- Wave 105
- and the staff of Park Community School



# PARK CATERING SERVICES

- 10 awards achieved
- 2000 meals served at Park per week
- Income has risen by 70% since going in house
- Student Christmas Lunch 900 students and 150 staff all enjoyed 2 course meals on last day of term
- 456kg of our own Park Porkies produced
- Our first range of charcuterie meats produced
- 30 licensed events
- 7 specialist dietary requirements catered for daily
- 7 dedicated organic suppliers used
- 30 jars honey produced
- 4 tonnes of organic flour used
- 4 schools converted to catering in-house

We were awarded the prestigious Food For Life Gold Award which recognises that a healthy climate for a friendly food culture has been established within the school.

Park is the only school in Hampshire with a valid Gold Award and, within the UK, one of only three secondary schools.



eat out eat well award  
gold

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2017-2018 has been a great year for the Catering Team. They have continued to increase the provision in-house and have nurtured four other schools throughout the year to bring their food service in-house.

We were thrilled to welcome Clare Moriarty, Permanent Secretary at DEFRA, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on Friday 17th November 2017. Clare visited Park to discover more about our innovative approach to education at both our farm, enterprise centre and construction centre.

We have a great team of Food Ambassadors who meet twice a week and have worked on several events. They are trying out recipes for an event when they are going to cook a 3 course meal for parents.

