

Save Our Schools Food Standards
c/o School Food Matters
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Tuesday, 31st March 2015

I am writing on behalf of the Party Chairman, The Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP, who has asked me to thank you for your recent letter to Nicky Morgan which has been passed to our office as it relates to the Conservative Party.

It is good of you to get in touch and make us aware of your thoughts. It is appreciated and I will be sure to pass the details of your letter onto the Chairmen. All policies will be outlined in our 2015 Conservative Party Manifesto. Unfortunately, the release date for this has not yet been announced.

Thank you, once again, for taking the time and trouble to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,



Ruth Barron
Office of the Party Chairmen
Conservative Campaign Headquarters

From: Ruth Barron
Subject: **RE: School Food Standards**
Date: 6 May 2015 15:35:25 GMT+01:00
To: Stephanie Wood

Dear Ms Wood,

I am writing on behalf of the Party Chairman, The Rt Hon Grant Shapps, who has asked me to thank you for your recent email.

It is good of you to get in touch and make us aware of your thoughts. It is appreciated and I will be sure to pass your comments on to the Chairmen and Conservative Research Department.

We are committed to ensuring all children do well at school. It is clear that if we want children to do well at school, and particularly to concentrate well in the classroom in the afternoon, a healthy meal at lunchtime is important. There has been a great deal of progress in providing healthy school meals in recent years and the food served in schools today is a vast improvement on the menus of five years ago. The new standards will help to continue that trend.

The new standards will allow schools to be more creative in their menus, something heads and school catering staff have asked for. They continue to restrict unhealthy foods to ensure our children eat well, whilst also giving schools more freedom to create tasty nutritious meals.

The new standards state that children should eat vegetables or salad every day, at least three different fruits each week and no more than two portions of deep fried food a week. In several areas, such as salt, fruit juice and starchy food cooked in oil, the new standards are tighter. In trials, the new standards proved extremely popular with school cooks, 90 per cent of whom said they were easier to implement than the old standards.

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Yours sincerely,

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