



Parents' Conference on School Dinners 16th October 2007, 10am-2.15pm

Does your child complain about

- Poor quality/badly prepared food
- Long queues in the dining hall
- Being rushed
- Noisy environment with shrill whistles and shouting staff

Or maybe they don't even have the chance to eat a school dinner?

We want parents to have their say in developing a decent school meal service at every school. That is why we are holding a one-day conference specifically designed for parents who want to make improvements to the service provided by their local authority. We will be sharing tips on how to campaign for a school meal service, giving advice on how to persuade reluctant Heads to improve the dining hall and looking at how to get the best out of contract caterers.

Merton Parents for Better Food in Schools is an independent parents group. We persuaded the London Borough of Merton to build kitchens at 41 primary schools, revised the specifications for the catering contract and worked with school councils to make radical improvements to schools' dining arrangements.

We want to share our experiences to help parents in other areas to make improvements. We got together and became a force for change - this conference can help you do the same. This event is designed to help you make contact with other like-minded parents in your own area and to establish an informal network of parents who can take part in the national school dinner debate.

Venue: St. Augustine's CE Secondary School, London NW6 (Kilburn North tube)

The conference is completely free (including lunch).

Speakers include:

Prue Leith Chair of School Food Trust

Jackie Schneider, Chairperson, plus others from *Merton Parents*

Government Minister (TBC)

This conference is organised by Merton Parents for Better Food in School and sponsored by the School Food Trust

For further information go to www.mertonparents.co.uk

Please pre-register by returning this section to Paula Sutcliff, Merton Parents for Better Food in School, 9 Tolverne Rd, London SW20 8RA. Or email paula@mertonparents.co.uk or call 0787 6685215

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Any particular areas of interest: _____