

Questions from the Menu Check Service webinar

If the form doesn't ask for pastas anywhere, where do I put them on the form?

When completing the menu check application form, you only need to provide the information that is asked for in the tables. Pasta is not specifically asked about, however if you have pasta on your menu it will be noted by the Menu Check Service and classified as 'Everyday' unless the topping contains processed meat, then it will be classified as 'Occasional'.

Will I need to provide two applications if I'm providing lunch to another school?

Yes you will need to complete a separate application for each school that you service. This is because each school requires a principal signature before the application is submitted. You can contact the Menu Check Service if you service more than one canteen and would like to know the easiest way to submit your applications.

Do we need to write recipes out in full?

No – none of the questions in the revised application form asks for recipes to be written out in full. A few questions ask you for a list of ingredients e.g in canteen-made drinks such as milkshakes and smoothies and in canteen-made salty snacks.

We don't sell soft drinks to students but we have them available for teachers and parents. Does this apply to the Strategy?

The school canteen should not sell soft drinks or any other sugar-sweetened drinks to parents or students as they don't meet the requirements of the Strategy. Sugar-sweetened drinks have been banned from school canteens since 2004. School canteens can prepare and sell to parents and teachers, items (Everyday or Occasional) that meet the requirements of the Strategy.