



DOUBLE HONOURS FOR ACCENT CATERING

Our commitment to sustainability and the environment has been formally recognised by two of the UK's leading industry bodies.

We have been awarded the Food for Life Catering Mark by the Soil Association in recognition of our commitment to ethical local sourcing and quality fresh ingredients.

We are one of a few organisations in the UK who have achieved the high standards required for this accolade and the accreditation covers the school meals that we provide. It means that parents can be assured that their children's meals contain no undesirable food additives, hydrogenated fats or GM ingredients. We also pride ourselves on freshly preparing all of our dishes using meat that meets UK welfare standards and eggs that are from cage free hens.

The principles laid down by the Soil Association reflect the key fundamentals of our business and we apply them across all our contracts. We believe that issues such as food provenance, authenticity, healthy eating and sustainability are vital and we know that they are all now increasingly high on our customer's agendas.

To further reinforce this, the British Assessment Bureau has also independently assessed our environmental management system and we have been awarded ISO 14001. It affirms our commitment to being a responsible company and covers key areas such as waste reduction, energy usage, recycling and environmental awareness.

With all our contracts we strive to increase the overall awareness of minimising waste and saving energy. We recently carried out an extensive overhaul of all our generic packaging which is now fully biodegradable and in many instances made from recycled materials. Where possible we have reusable crates for all of our fresh produce thereby minimising packaging and waste. We always recycle packaging cans, oil and equipment efficiently and in many cases we introduce composting schemes. On many of our school contracts we also encourage pupils to recycle rubbish in a fun way.

Both these awards mean that our customers can be sure that they are working with a company with solid credentials and ethical working practices, that cares about the future and is doing everything it can to minimise the impact of its business on the environment.