

# 100s of Hull school dinners under threat



Hundreds of children in Hull face losing their school dinners after an academy closed its kitchens.

Horizon Academy Trust has today [23 February] closed three school kitchens, serving some of the most deprived schools in the region.

The changes, which affect Cleeve, Bilton and Hedon Primary Schools, will see meals shipped in from other kitchens within the trust, leading to job losses, poorer provision and a lack of flexibility for individual pupils' needs.

Staff at the schools were informed their roles would be changing with minimal notice, while parents have reacted with concern.



GMB Union is challenging Horizon's decision and is calling on both East Riding and Hull Councils to intervene.

Staff will be making representations to the local authorities and a protest is planned for 13 March at Cleeve Primary school.

**Liz Marshall, GMB Organiser, said:**

"The provision of a hot school meal, freshly prepared on site, is a vital part of delivering a great educational experience.

"For Horizon to try and make petty cost savings at the expense of their staff and pupils is a disgrace.

"Parents have told us how worried they are.

"We will do everything in our power alongside them to protect this provision.

"If Horizon can find £230,000 a year for its Chief Executive's pay, they can certainly find the money to ensure pupils get a hot daily meal, which is prepared on site."

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