

## Take action as a school

In 2020, Brighton and Hove was awarded the **UK's first Gold Sustainable Food Place Award**. There are many actions schools can take to help keep Brighton & Hove a **GOLD Sustainable Food Place**:

### Educate & inspire

- ⇒ Offer cooking and growing opportunities. **Contact us** for advice.
- ⇒ Arrange visits to community food projects and farms. Search our **directory map** to find community food projects.



### Ensure access to healthy food and drink

- ⇒ Develop a whole-school food and drink policy. **Contact us** or **Brighton & Hove City Council** for advice.
- ⇒ Offer a healthy and active breakfast club: low cost for those that need it. See the **Albion in the Community** website for more information.
- ⇒ Provide access to drinking water and reusable water bottles. Register water fountains with **Refill Brighton and Hove**.
- ⇒ Promote **Healthy Start Vouchers** and **Chomp** holiday lunch clubs.
- ⇒ Signpost parents to our **accessing low-cost meals** and **food poverty advice** resources. If you see someone in need of emergency food, you might be eligible to make a **referral to a food bank** or signpost them to an organisation who can.
- ⇒ Explore the benefits of in-house catering (for secondary schools). Contact **Varndean Secondary School** for advice.
- ⇒ Join **Sugar Smart** and **Peas Please** initiatives.

### Reduce your waste

- ⇒ Undertake a food waste audit. **Contact us** for advice.
- ⇒ Go tray-less in your canteen to help prevent people taking more food than they can eat.
- ⇒ Sign up for a food waste collection (find out more in our **reducing food waste resource**) or start on-site **composting**.
- ⇒ See our **resource for organisations on tackling food waste**.

### Shout about what you're already doing

Share what actions you are taking on social media using **#goldfoodcitybid** to inspire others and show how much good work is happening in our city. Please remember to tag in **@btnhovefood**.

⇒ Keep staff involved in any changes you're making and ensure they know about any key guidelines or policies.

⇒ Utilise all methods of communication (newsletters, intranet, social media, meetings, events and website) to inspire others to get involved.

⇒ Use our Gold Food City Bid **toolkit for organisations** to show you are supporting the bid.

**If you need further information on any of these actions please [contact us](#).**