

Financial Wellbeing Support for Colleagues July 2023

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Financial Wellbeing Benefits

All 3 pillars of wellbeing are interlinked:

- Grocery Aid
- EAP
- My Bargains
- Salary Finance
- Free Independent Mortgage Advice
- Pensions

HOW WE HELP

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Providing emotional, practical and financial support to everyone who needs us.



Financial Wellbeing Campaigns/Activity

- Benefits webinars
- MyBargains specific promo
- Updated & Improved user guides & video's
- Winter wellbeing/cost of living toolkit info
 - Government support
 - Budget Trackers
 - Budget friendly meals
 - Energy saving tips
 - How to get cheap/free food
 - Sustainable/reusable sanitary items
 - Money saving expert podcast
- Staff Shop





Bakkavor Staff Shop Project Sprint Q1 2023



Why?

- Our Employee Engagement Survey across 16,000 UK colleagues in late 2022 gave us some great insight to act on
- Some key take outs for this project were:
 - Our current staff shops are good, but product is not always available
 - Not every location has access to a staff shop
 - What more can Bakkavor do to support colleagues with the cost of living?





Our response

- In early 2023 a multi-functional project team was formed
 - This incorporated members of HR, Manufacturing, Development, Procurement, Packaging, Logistics, Communications and our Technical team
 - The name, **Project Sprint**, reflected our desire to act quickly
- Essential to the Project was that we:
 - Think differently
 - Leverage Bakkavor's scale to maximum effect
 - Identify key products and price points
 - Ensure Group-wide coverage
 - Use the opportunity to reinforce our corporate values and branding





Our commitments

- Each site in the UK will have access to a staff shop that holds a core range of Bakkavor products by end of April 2023
- The small number of sites that do not have a shop will commit to opening a facility and will provide access to this proposed core range
- Colleagues, irrespective of working pattern or hours, will have access to the shop at least once a week
- Availability, quality and value are key
- Food waste must be minimised in line with our ESG commitments







What Sprint delivered in two-months...

- A range of 4 core lines developed and ready for chilled manufacture from two of our manufacturing units:
 - Margherita pizza
 - Pepperoni pizza
 - Individual beef lasagne
 - Individual mac 'n cheese
- A logistics solution allowing for our chilled product to be quick frozen and stored centrally for distribution when required
- Four sites having new access to a staff shop, with opening arrangements to allow access to all
- The provision of freezer units to 22 locations
- An initial price point of £1.25 per item



But Bakkavor are a chilled manufacturer, why are you freezing product?

The decision to freeze chilled product provided several advantages:

- It allowed for long production runs to freeze large quantities in one go and maximising efficiencies
- It enabled stock to be held centrally which could then be called-off as required
- Shelf-life of frozen product allows shops to keep fully-stocked and still minimise food wastage







So how has it gone?

- Products produced, frozen and available on time
- All locations had access to a shop by end April 2023
- Bespoke packaging looks amazing
- Initial colleague feedback has been so positive
- Price point now reviewed to just £1 and consideration being given to expanding the offer

Project Sprint – pictures and colleague feedback







"Having frozen Bakkavor convenience foods in our staff shop, along with fresh salad and veg has made a difference to my mealtimes and my budget, the pizzas and lasagnes are really good quality and very tasty" "The lasagne and pizzas are delicious, and it feels like really good value for money!"

- A Newark colleague



Any questions?



