

**MEETING THE CHALLENGE OF DELIVERING SCHOOL MEALS AND
THE SCHOOL FOOD PLAN**

Will your school(s) be ready to provide hot, healthy school lunches for all infant pupils by September?

That is what the Government is committed to: every Key Stage 1 pupil in a state-funded school in England being eligible for free school meals from September 2014, and it has backed this commitment with £150 million of funding announced in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement. Many schools do not have the necessary facilities to meet this new obligation, nor do they have the resources or skills to bid for funding or plan and manage adaptations to their existing facilities. Are you one of these?

Working together

Currie & Brown and AVL Consultancy can offer a one-stop-shop to advise you on funding applications, feasibility, design, operation and installation of kitchens, serveries, and modern, bright and airy dining areas. We have been leading the way in delivering healthy meals to school children of all ages for many years and can suggest solutions to common challenges such as: delivering increased uptake within the same space; effective queuing strategies; differentiated provision for different age ranges/special needs; simple modifications to allow facilities to be zoned to allow third-party use out of hours (generating revenue for the school) and masterplanning to find the best location for any new construction required.



If your school wants to take things a step further, we can provide more in-depth advice on facilities for teaching cooking skills or 'growing your own' as recommended by *The School Food Plan*¹. We have experience in all of these areas.

Don't delay – contact us today to ensure you are one of the first to apply for the available funding!

What we can do for you:

- Support funding applications
- Asset review of existing facilities and upgrade requirements
- Gap analysis, cost benefit and option appraisal
- Building/site surveys
- Feasibility studies – new build or conversion
- Queuing strategies and operational design
- Masterplanning
- Procurement of building contractor
- Construction management, including ensuring pupil safety throughout the works
- Project management/programming
- Cost management
- Contract administration

¹ *The School Food Plan* by Henry Dimbleby & John Vincent, July 2013. www.schoolfoodplan.com/

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Full design and operational services:

- Strategic service and facilities review across a number of schools
- Service and operational reviews
- Competitive tender of catering services
- Delivery of service-ready facilities
- Full cost and project management of the works including contract administration.



Working with clients across the country, including free school meal pilot authorities such as London Borough of Newham, Currie & Brown staff are providing in-depth knowledge of all aspects of planning and building school catering facilities. Our projects cover schools of all sizes and across all age ranges— from small pre-schools through to sixth form, and all-through schools up to 2,500 pupils. Clients include local authorities, academies, special schools and free schools, encompassing maintained and non-maintained provision, and offering a diverse range of approaches to healthy, nutritious school lunches and breakfasts.

AVL has built up a formidable reputation as a specialist consultancy advising schools in the operation and cost-effective delivery of catering services. We consistently strive to provide exceptional service through choosing to work only with the best people and through our use of cutting-edge technology.

Our client base includes many local authorities, stand-alone schools and multi-site groups. Since the inception of competitive tendering and benchmarking the company has provided expert service to many local authorities, colleges and universities.



Our recent clients include:

- Brent Council
- Dorset County Council
- Diocese of Salisbury
- E-ACT Academies in London, Daventry, Wakefield and Leeds
- Halton Borough Council
- Hertfordshire County Council
- Isle of Anglesey County Council
- London Borough of Barking and Dagenham
- London Borough of Newham
- London Boroughs of Sutton, Richmond, and Kingston upon Thames
- Luton Borough Council
- Milton Keynes Council
- Nottinghamshire County Council
- Plymouth City Council
- University of Warwick
- Warrington Borough Council

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