



## **LACA School Caterer Feature Briefs 2023**

### **Spring**

(Deadline March 24<sup>th</sup>)

**Ask The Education Experts** – The school meals market is a specialist area; who are the suppliers you can trust to know their way around it?

**Plant-Based** – There is growing demand from school caterers for options and ideas to help them create interesting meat-free menu choices. We look at some of the best.

**Pizza & Pasta** – Children regularly vote these two classics as lunchtime favourites, but measure them against the High Street competition. Get your offer right

**Soft Drinks** – Juices, sparkling flavoured waters and milk drinks all have a place, so what are the best options to tempt the tastebuds of schoolkids?

**Refrigeration** – You need reliable, energy-efficient equipment so look to invest in quality. And there are good deals available for leasing too

**Vending** – Tasty, healthy options can help you make sure that pupils don't miss out when they're hungry or thirsty outside of lunchtime

### **Summer**

(Deadline June 2<sup>nd</sup>)

**Accelerated Cooking** – Shorter lunchtimes put a premium on getting hot food to the counters fast – which is where the latest, speedy equipment can help

**Grab & Go** – Very much on-trend, Grab & Go can eliminate queueing, avoid crowded dining areas, and increase speed of service – yet provide all the nutrition growing youngsters need

**Payment Technology** – Software and systems offer a smooth process that's cash-free, personalised, allergen-aware and removes any FSM stigma issues. Find out more ...

**Yoghurts & Desserts** – A tasty way to finish a meal or a standalone healthy snack, either way they help deliver the balanced nutrition growing children need. We look at the latest options on offer

**(LACA Main Event Official Show Guide)** – A preview of product launches from exhibitors at the School Food Exhibition

### **Autumn**

(Deadline September 5<sup>th</sup>)

**Combi Ovens** – New products and product developments, case studies, new kitchens or refits – how can combi ovens can help school catering teams

**Dairy** – Milk-based products offer a valuable nutritional hit for growing children; we look at drinks, shakes, yoghurts as well as cheese and spreads.

**Healthier Options** – In essence this means less sugar, fat and salt and more 'free-from' foods as well as plenty of fruit and veg. What it doesn't mean is less flavour! Suppliers offers ideas and options to help

**Packaging & Disposables** – Reduce unnecessary packaging in your supply chain, cut back on plastic and make sure your disposables are recyclable or degradable  
**Stocks & Sauces** – A look at the quality of products available, their ease-of-use, and the allergen concerns they can help you take care of  
Vegan & Vegetarian –

### **Winter**

(Deadline December 1<sup>st</sup>)

**Breakfast** – Breakfast clubs and early-morning provision continue to be a growing part of the role of school catering teams. We've got some new product, recipe and service ideas for you

**Hot Beverages** – Coffee, tea and hot chocolate play a part in school life for older secondary children and staff. How can you meet the demands of today's sophisticated coffee shop consumers?

**Potato Products** – The range of products available has grown beyond chips and mash to waffles and fries in varieties from 'stealth' to 'curly' and 'sweet potato'. Find out more.

**Sandwiches & Wraps** – Keep up with the latest trends in breads and fillings for this lunchtime staple; plus ideas to promote and market your offer

**Warewashing** – Technological developments by manufacturers mean newer warewashing machines deliver savings on power consumption, energy useage and detergent

**Veganuary** – Plant-based menu options continue to attract attention, so why not get ready for the annual festival that is Veganuary

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