**THE ALL PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP ON SCHOOL FOOD**

EXCELLENCE IN SCHOOL FOOD AWARD

**2025/2026**

**For Schools**

Either an in-house catering team, head teacher, teacher(s) or support staff – who have come up with a creative initiative to serve healthy food to children within the school setting.

Guidance notes

• Submissions must be no more than 500 words and the 100-word executive summary is compulsory

• The overall file size should be no larger than 2MB

• Up to 2 photos can be submitted (up to 2MB)

• Submissions will be marked by independent judges using a standard scoring template.

• Each submission must have a title and contact details

• Submissions will not be accepted unless accompanied by a covering signed letter from an MP

• A maximum of 3 submissions per MP will be accepted

• Projects submitted to this award must have been active in the last 12 months

*Submissions close at 3pm on Thursday 8 January 2026 and must follow the submission template and be accompanied by a letter from an MP. When complete (within the 500 word limit) all forms must be emailed to vhacking@apse.org.uk. An email receipt for your entry will be sent, if you do not receive a formal receipt by email within two working days, please contact Vickie Hacking at APSE on 0161 772 1810. The winners will be presented at the APSE Facilities, Catering and Cleaning Management seminar on 5 February 2026 at DoubleTree by Hilton, Stratford Upon Avon.*

PROJECT, SERVICE, TEAM OR INDIVIDUAL NAME

AUTHOR NAME

COUNCIL/ORGANISATION

ADDRESS

TELEPHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

**SECTION 1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY UP TO 10%**

This should be a short précis of the key points from the overall submission. (100 WORDS)

**SECTION 2 BACKGROUND UP TO 30%**

This should provide an overview for your submission detailing the historical context and the key issues identified for action. (150 WORDS)

**SECTION 3 WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS UP TO 60%**

This section should promote the achievements of the in-house catering team, head teacher, teacher(s) or support staff through a range of source evidence such as customer feedback, performance outcomes, internal/external benchmarks or management data (250 WORDS)

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