



## Expert Catering Advice for Schools, Academy Trusts, Colleges & Universities

Helping you achieve best value and  
improve standards and performance

# ACE

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# About Us

**ACE**  
— ADVICE — is an independent consultancy operating throughout the UK. We support the State School, Academy and Further Education sectors and our established team of consultants bring expertise and knowledge to support schools colleges and trusts to optimise and personalise food service.



“We do all the work... you make all the decisions”

**Ian Henderson, Managing Partner**



# Who can we help?

We support State Schools, Multi Academy trusts, Colleges and Universities operating across the UK. Whether you manage your own catering provision or outsource to a contractor, ACE Advice is well placed to provide valuable, realistic and achievable advice. From our initial no cost, no obligation meeting, we will agree your project scope and objectives. Our skilled consultants will provide impartial advice, using their expertise to develop with you.

## Schools & Academies

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ACE Advice work with a growing number of individual state schools and academies and provide a wide range of support, from formally tendering catering services through to monitoring financial performance and auditing culinary standards.

We provide support to schools that either outsource the management of their catering services or self-manage their own teams.

## Multi Academy Trusts

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ACE Advice work with a number of Multi Academy Trusts, some of whom have over fifty Primary and Senior Schools. We provide both Head Office and school-based support, either auditing or reviewing their catering providers, or if self-managed supporting the on-site teams from everything from financial performance to skills training and creating key performance indicators.

We are also engaged by these Trusts to manage their competitive tenders.

## Universities & Further Education Colleges

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Our team of consultants all have previous experience in the University and FE College sectors. We have worked with some of the UKs largest Universities and Colleges as well as having supported many Oxbridge and Russell Group Universities.

Our support is available to both outsourced and self-managed facilities teams across the entire Soft FM service range.



# Our Catering Consultancy

Providing for all your needs



# Outsourced Catering Services

We offer an entirely personalised service and from our initial meeting we listen to your needs, objectives and expectations. We will explore your requirements to jointly develop a plan and achieve your desired outcome.



## Contract Catering

If you are unsure if your catering contract is providing best value or why your contractor is not performing as you wish, we can help you understand the issues and offer a range of potential solutions

## Reviews and Audit

We provide the tools to monitor and measure your catering contractor while supporting your teams with clear and measurable objectives.

## Catering Tender Management

We will provide competitive tendering of catering contracts on your behalf to deliver best value through a compliant process utilising our own easy to use online procurement portal. We provide an entirely paperless tendering service.

# Self Managed Catering Services

If you directly manage your catering service we can provide support for your food service team in the following areas:

## Service Reviews

Assessing the performance of the team against industry benchmarks including allergen management and food service delivery Hygiene health and safety reviews Auditing the hygiene and health and safety standards operating within your kitchen and dining room

## Design and Project Management

Supporting the development/modernisation of your catering areas equipping your facilities with modern equipment minimising the environment impact of your kitchen



## Hygiene, Health and Safety Reviews

Auditing the hygiene and health and safety standards operating within your kitchen and dining room



## Training and Staff Development

Tailored training modules to support the skills and competency of your catering team and the performance of your front line personnel.

## Purchasing Solutions

Obtaining best value for money through supplier engagement and market testing for food and provisions disposable items and consumable materials

## Manager and Chef Recruitment

Supporting the recruitment of key personnel within your catering team



# GET IN TOUCH

Contact us to chat about your catering requirements and to arrange your free, no obligation meeting:



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