

SCHOOL FOOD PROJECT 41



Please note that this session will be recorded

AGENDA

2pm-2.05pm – **introduction from Brad Pearce, Chair of the School Food People (LACA)**

2.05-2.20pm – **overview of the School Food Project:**

- D'Arcy Williams, Chief Executive, Bite Back
- Naomi Duncan, Chief Executive, Chefs in Schools
- Sarah Rappaport, Campaign Manager, Jamie Oliver Group
- Stephanie Slater, Chief Executive, School Food Matters
- Anna Taylor, Executive Director, The Food Foundation

2.20-2.45pm – **Q&A session chaired by Brad Pearce, The School Food People (LACA)**



WHAT IS THE SCHOOL FOOD PROJECT?

Five of the UK's leading food and education organisations have joined forces to launch the School Food Project.

A critical moment for leverage

In June 2025, government committed £1bn to expanding access to free school meals.

By September 2026, the government will introduce in legislation:

- New and more robust School Food Standards
- A timeline for introducing monitoring of how schools are implementing these standards



Five-year mission of the School Food Project

- Deliver training and support directly to schools to improve food quality and increase uptake.
- Achieve high-quality school food for all.
- Support the implementation of national food standards, monitoring, and accreditation.
- Produce measurable improvements in children's health, wellbeing and educational outcomes.



SCALING OUR PROGRAMMES TO SUPPORT EVERY SCHOOL



Beacon schools

Deep transformation



Cascade Schools

Peer Support



Accelerator schools

Online support



Online resource hub

Faster scaling

Bite Back: Engagement of young people

Chefs in Schools: School chef training programmes

Jamie Oliver Group: Food skills education programme

School Food Matters: Food growing and school food transformation projects

The Food Foundation: Public facing campaign



Q&A

**Please write your questions in the chat with your name and organisation.
Please note that questions about the School Food Standards should be
directed to the Department for Education.**

FIND OUT MORE

- Sign up to receive updates from the School Food Project at:
<https://schoolfoodproject.org.uk/>
- Direct any questions about the School Food Standards to the consultation team at the Department for Education, on:
SchoolFoodStandards.CONULTATION@education.gov.uk
- Submit a response to the School Food Standards consultation here:
<https://consult.education.gov.uk/school-food-policy-team/school-food-standards-updating-the-leg-framework/>

