

School Premises Regulations

**Kitchen Forum, South bank Centre
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department for
children, schools and families

The Education (School Premises) Regulations 1999

- **Current wording on kitchens falls under a paragraph on ancillary facilities as follows:**
 7. The buildings provided for a school shall be adequate to permit the provision of appropriate ancillary facilities, in particular –
 - (b) For the preparation or serving of food and drinks and the washing of crockery and other utensils.

Aim of amendments

- To revise the regulations to reflect more fully the importance that we attach to increasing the take up of healthy schools meals and the need for adequate kitchen and dining capacity



Proposed amendments to the regulations – primary, special and PRU

From January 2015, all **new** maintained primary and special schools, and PRUs will have:

- suitable kitchen space to prepare, cook and serve a school lunch, which meets the statutory nutritional standards, and clear up afterwards;
- space to receive and store fresh, preserved, dried and frozen food as appropriate;
- facilities for recycling and managing food waste efficiently;
- changing and toilet facilities, and office space for catering staff;
- sufficient space and facilities for all children to sit down to a school lunch (not necessarily at one sitting) including those who may wish to bring their own food.



Proposed amendments to the regulations – primary, special and PRU

From January 2011, all primary and special schools, and PRUs where statutory proposals have been published to significantly enlarge the school will have:

Either

- suitable kitchen space to prepare, cook and serve a school lunch, which meets the statutory nutritional standards, and clear up afterwards;

Or

- Suitable facilities to maintain the temperature of and serve a lunch that has been brought in from another kitchen which meets the nutritional standards and clear up afterwards;

Or

- Suitable facilities to heat a complete meal that has been brought in from another kitchen and meets the standards

And the additional conditions in the previous slide

From September 2010:

- where there is a kitchen and/or dining facility there must continue to be such a facility



Proposed amendments to the regulations – secondary school

From January 2015, all newly built maintained secondary schools will have:

- suitable kitchen space to prepare, cook and serve a school lunch, which meets the statutory nutritional standards, and clear up afterwards;
- space to receive and store fresh, preserved, dried and frozen food as appropriate;
- facilities for recycling and managing food waste efficiently;
- changing and toilet facilities, and office space for catering staff;
- sufficient space and facilities for all children to sit down to a school lunch (not necessarily at one sitting) including those who may wish to bring their own food ;



Proposed amendments to the regulations – secondary schools

From January 2011, all maintained secondary schools where statutory proposals have been published to significantly enlarge the school or that are receiving funding for refurbishments through the BSF programme will have:

- suitable kitchen space to prepare, cook and serve a school lunch, which meets the statutory nutritional standards, and clear up afterwards;
- space to receive and store fresh, preserved, dried and frozen food as appropriate;
- facilities for recycling and managing food waste efficiently;
- changing and toilet facilities, and office space for catering staff;
- sufficient space and facilities for all children to sit down to a school lunch (not necessarily at one sitting) including those who may wish to bring their own food

From September 2010:

- where there is a kitchen and/or dining facility there must continue to be such a facility



Consultation responses and next steps

Responses

- **60 responses have been received and are currently being analysed**

Next steps

- **Revise impact assessment and report to Ministers**
- **Publish results of consultation and Department's response by end March**
- **Subject to Ministerial agreement prepare regulations and lay before Parliament by end May**



FSM: Extension to eligibility

- **Eligibility extended to include primary school pupils in working families with a household income of below £16,190.**
- **Extension to be phased in:**
 - up to 50% of pupils - September 2010
 - following 50% - September 2011



FSM: Extension to eligibility

- Primary legislation required – new clause has been included in Child Poverty Bill to amend the Education Act 1996;
- The clause will enable regulations to be made so that entitlement can be based on the age of the child as well as the benefit receipt of the parents;
- The Secretary of State intends to prescribe the following conditions;
 - that the child is of primary school age.
 - that children up to and at key stage 1 will be eligible from September 2010; and
 - children from key stages 1 and 2 will be eligible from September 2011.
 - that the child's parent annual income does not exceed the amount determined for the purposes of section 7(1)(1) of the Tax Credits Act 2002 as the income threshold for Child Tax Credit (ie £16,190 from April 2010)
- Consultation on regulations from around 22 March to 19 May



FSM: Extension to eligibility

- £85 million has been made available to fund the first two terms of the extension (September 2010 to March 2011)
- DCSF Finance will be consulting its stakeholder groups on allocation of the funding:
 - School Funding Implementation Group (SFIG) - 12 March
 - Service Working Group for Education and Children Services (SWGECs) - 24 March



FSM: Additional Pilots

- At least one universal FSM pilot in each GO region
- Will run for 1 academic year
- £35 million has been made available
- LAs/PCTs must be able to match fund and have capacity
- Prefer new money but LAs can use DSG/SLG
- Encourage joint bids with PCT
- If receive more than one bid from a region will also look at level of FSM eligibility, school lunch take up and value for money
- A sample of the new pilots will be included in the evaluation of the current pilots



FSM: Additional Pilots

- **Timetable:**
 - **Expressions of Interest – 17 February**
 - **Final Bids – 12 March**
 - **Successful authorities informed before Easter recess**
 - **Summer term to prepare**
 - **Pilots start – September 2010**

