

## Sodexo announce new senior appointments for schools and universities

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Sodexo has appointed Philip Smith as CEO for its schools and universities business in the UK and Ireland and Steve Hawkins as its managing director for schools.

Both Philip and Steve have worked for a number of years in various senior roles, Philip (*pictured below*) joined in 2008 and Steve in 2013 and are both committed to developing Sodexo's services to deliver experiences that help children and young people achieve their potential.

Philip Smith, CEO, schools and universities Sodexo UK & Ireland said: "This is an exciting new chapter. Recent investments in talent and new key initiatives will help take our offer in bold, exciting new directions – keeping pace with evolving tastes, embracing the latest food and technology trends, and putting sustainability high on the agenda.

"I'm excited to lead Sodexo's talented and dedicated schools and universities team and looking forward to partnering more closely with our clients to help children and young people achieve their potential."

As managing director of schools Steve will oversee Sodexo's state and independent [schools business](#) which provides school meals to over 500 state schools and over 70 independent schools in the UK.

Sodexo is committed to ensuring children, whatever their age, or wherever they go to school have access to tasty and nutritious schools meals. Sodexo and its subsidiary AiP know that aside from providing nutritionally valuable menus, it is also important to engage children and teachers in educational activities that broaden their knowledge and understanding. The benefits of this stretch far beyond the school gates.

Sodexo's [universities business](#) is overseen by managing director Simon Knight and includes the delivery of

on-campus food and FM services at around 100 university locations across the UK and Ireland as well as Student Living by Sodexo, it's student accommodation management business.

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