

Sodexo enters new five-year partnership with Reed's School

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Independents by Sodexo has been the catering partner at Reed's School in Cobham, Surrey for over 50 years and will continue to deliver the catering and hospitality services at the school for a further five years.

The new contract is valued at around £1.3 million. [Sodexo's](#) 23-strong team at Reed's will continue to deliver meals for the 700 day pupils and 100 boarders and in the Sixth Form café. The contract also includes the provision of school meals for Ripley Court School, a co-educational prep school for 200 pupils from aged 2 to 11 years, following its merger with Reed's in 2019.

A balanced and varied diet promotes good health and wellbeing, both during childhood and into adulthood. Sodexo's catering team serve all pupils, staff and visitors with a well-balanced appetising menu with dishes produced from scratch using the best ingredients. Developed under its Powering Performance programme the menus have been developed to help the pupils make informed choices when it comes to food and drink.

[Powering Performance](#) supports Reed's School with valuable resources to promote messages about good nutrition and healthy eating both in the school's dining hall and in the classroom where appropriate.

A number of dishes using wonky produce such as celeriac soup with crème fraiche and chives are also included on the menus. Sodexo's [Wasteful to Tasteful initiative](#) is just one element of its work to reduce the impact food waste is having on our planet. Working with Waste Knot, which is committed to connecting businesses with surplus food and Ferryfast, a co-operative of farmers in Worcestershire, the initiative sees boxes of 'rescued fruit and vegetables' distributed to Sodexo catering teams across the country, including Reed's School.

To manage the hospitality bookings at the school the Sodexo team utilise Blue Runner technology to ensure the smooth running of hospitality services for a wide range of events held at the school throughout the year.

Steve Hawkins, managing director, schools, Sodexo UK & Ireland said: *“Reed’s School is a valued long-term partner and we thoroughly enjoy working with the school to provide food services to their pupils, staff and visitors. It is a school steeped in history and our team there has become part of the Reed’s family through their hard work, diligence and commitment to providing meals which are appealing and that provide the right balance of nutrients to enable the pupils to thrive in all they do.”*

Jason McKinlay, Operations Director for Reed’s School, added: *“Reed’s School and Ripley Court School are delighted to announce a further five-year contract extension with Independents by Sodexo, a partnership that has now extended to well over 50 years. We look forward to working with Sodexo to continue the evolution of the food offer to pupils, parents and staff alike.”*