

## Alliance in Partnership secures over £4 million in retained business

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Alliance in Partnership (AiP), specialists in education catering, has secured £4.2million in retained contracts since the beginning of the academic year, reinforcing its commitment to delivering healthy, nutritious meals to pupils across the UK.

Serving more than 400 primary and secondary schools, AiP continues to enhance the school dining experience, helping to fuel pupils through a full day of learning. The newly retained contracts span 38 schools and include:

- Heart of England School, West Midlands, a three-year extension, including the launch of a new sixth form café.
- Aylestone School, Herefordshire, a three-year extension, including operating a hub kitchen that also serves three local primary schools.
- Claremont Primary School, Kent, a five-year extension.
- St Mary's RC High School, Herefordshire, which operates as a hub kitchen feeding three local primary schools.

As a significant provider of school meals in the UK, AiP is committed to helping young people develop a positive relationship with food. Its key initiatives include encouraging pupils to try plant-forward dishes that are also planet-friendly, making food education fun through practical workshops delivered by our chefs, and promoting sustainability through education and engagement.

Rebecca Bridgement, Managing Director, AiP and state schools at Sodexo UK & Ireland, said: “These contract extensions reflect the strong partnerships we have built with schools and the dedication of our frontline and management teams who bring real value to each school community. We know that nutritious, high-quality meals do more than support physical wellbeing. They also help children and young people thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. We are proud to be a trusted partner, working side by side with schools to deliver a positive dining experience for every pupil.”

In February 2025, Alliance in Partnership secured fourth place in ProVeg UK’s inaugural School Contract Caterer Ranking.

The non-profit organisation assessed England’s top 25 school caterers, ranking them based on the environmental friendliness of their menus.

Established in 1998, the AiP group of companies, including The Contract Dining Company and Class Catering Services joined Sodexo in December 2018.