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Tender

CSET School Uniform

CASTLE SCHOOL EDUCATION TRUST

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Scope

Reference

CSET Uniform Jan 2026 - Secondary

Description

Provision of branded uniform to make sure parents receive best value with regards to price, quality and service.

Other branded items may be offered but will not form part of the price criteria evaluation but may score in the quality criteria.

The estimated contract value for mandatory items is estimated to be £732,000 over the five year period, with approximately 83% of sales being direct parent to supplier.

The Trust intends to award the contract based on the offer which is the most economically advantageous considering quality and price. The Trust does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any quotation submitted and reserves the right to accept all or part of any quotation. Suppliers may decide to only quote for specific schools hence the need to complete a schedule 3A for each school. The Trust will award the contract on a school by

school basis.

Total value (estimated)

- £732,000 excluding VAT
- £732,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2028
- Possible extension to 31 December 2030
- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

An additional two years

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Provision of non branded items

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 18000000 - Clothing, footwear, luggage articles and accessories

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Lot constraints

Description of how multiple lots may be awarded:

The contract is a Trust contract but can be awarded per individual school so different suppliers may be successful.

Lot 1. The Castle School

Description

Provision of uniform to make sure parents receive best value with regards to price, quality and service.

The vast majority of transactions will be direct between parents/carers and the successful suppliers.

Lot value (estimated)

- £210,000 excluding VAT

- £210,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Downend School

Description

Provision of uniform to make sure parents receive best value with regards to price, quality and service.

Lot value (estimated)

- £219,000 excluding VAT
- £219,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 3. Mangotsfield School

Description

Uniform preferred supplier

Lot value (estimated)

- £203,000 excluding VAT
- £203,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 4. Marlwood School**Description**

Supplier of mandatory branded school uniform

Lot value (estimated)

- £100,000 excluding VAT
- £100,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. The Castle School

Lot 2. Downend School

Lot 3. Mangotsfield School

Lot 4. Marlwood School

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Tender submission deadline

30 August 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://www.cset.co.uk/Financial/>

Please return the whole of the populated annex 3 below via email to uniformtender25@cset.co.uk by Midday 29th August 2025 Please ensure that one Annex 3a is completed per school to indicate which schools are being tendered for.

uniformtender25@cset.co.uk

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

1 September 2025

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 1 April 2027

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Quality	Questions are scored on a scale of 0 to 10. Your score will then be divided by the maximum score available (10), and then multiplied by the question weighting to give you a score for each question... Please provide details of the procedure you have in place to deal with complaints about the supply and quality of uniforms and relevant escalation process. Detail your returns policy and relevant guarantees. Include the process for items being returned and any	Quality	70%

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
	<p>associated costs.</p> <p>Detail what payment options you offer, if any, for parents/carers, particularly those that cannot afford to buy uniform in one go?</p> <p>How do you cater for parents with no online or card payment facility (i.e. cash only)? Do you offer any means to support families in cases of hardship or low income? Do you operate a shop in the South Gloucestershire LA area? If so please provide address details and if stock is available in the shop. Detail your delivery charges if applicable? Are there ways to mitigate these costs? If applicable, do you offer a freepost for returns? How does your company assist with the sizing of garments and parents ordering the correct sized garments for their child? How do you manage special measures for non-stock sizes? How do you manage stock levels to minimise shortages? What commitment do you offer to guarantee stock holding through the year? Sustainability explain your approach to environmental sustainability including</p>		

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
	<p>how you will comply with relevant environmental standards in relation to this contract and any initiatives to improve the environmental impacts of this service? This could include minimising waste and opportunities to re-use or recycle uniforms. Are there any extracurricular / social value activities that you will be able to deliver specifically for this contract that will directly benefit the School or local community? This may include support for school events. Please provide detailed evidence including a case study of any initiatives that you have previously successfully delivered to support this proposal. (Case study reflection can be up to an additional 500 words) Can samples be provided to the schools free of charge to assist in sizing? Please confirm that you have accessed the individual school websites and have quoted the costs based on the current specification.</p>		

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
price	The lowest priced tender shall be awarded the full 30% weighting for price and tenders with a higher price will be scored pro-rata.	Price	30%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Reduced tendering period

Yes

Qualifying planned procurement notice - minimum 10 days

Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice

n/a

Documents

Associated tender documents

<https://www.cset.co.uk/Financial/>

The Trust website which contains additional information

<https://www.cset.co.uk/Financial/>

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Documents to be used as reference for tender submission templates for submission and summary of clarification question and response.

Technical specifications to be met

<https://www.cset.co.uk/Financial/>

Contracting authority

CASTLE SCHOOL EDUCATION TRUST

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJPB-5124-DMWL

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government