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Tender

## Provision of Catering Services

Derby College Group

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### Scope

### Reference

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### Description

DCG wish to take this opportunity to procure a completely different approach to the provision of catering services across all Derby College Group campuses from 01.08.26. An output specification is being used) to allow for tendering organisations to be creative in how they deliver services. The only mandatory requirements stipulated are that the provision should ensure

- a positive and equal catering experience for all DCG stakeholders across all sites to encompass provision for all dietary and legislative requirements i.e. Natasha's Law
- there are suitable food options for all DCG users throughout the day, including vending and branded offers

- bursary / free college meals are available for learners and barriers to uptake removed
- free breakfasts (currently toast) on GCSE exam dates
- Little Explorers Nursery is provided for within the catering offer including non-term time and closure to the main college – excluding over the Christmas period
- Pre ordered chargeable hospitality offers are available during college opening hours
- A continually evolving service to adapt to innovative new technologies and in demand market trends

Please refer to the tender pack available via <https://www.in-tendhost.co.uk/educationportal/asp/Home>

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £9,000,000 excluding VAT
- £10,800,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 August 2026 to 31 July 2029
- Possible extension to 31 July 2032
- 6 years

Description of possible extension:

A three-year fixed term contract is proposed starting 01.08.26 with a further three options to extend on a 2+2+1 (or as agreed between the parties) subject to satisfactory performance and the agreement of terms up to a maximum term of eight years ending 31.07.32.

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 39222000 - Catering supplies
- 55500000 - Canteen and catering services
- 55520000 - Catering services
- 55523000 - Catering services for other enterprises or other institutions
- 55524000 - School catering services
- 55510000 - Canteen services
- 55512000 - Canteen management services
- 55511000 - Canteen and other restricted-clientele cafeteria services
- 42933000 - Vending machines

## **Contract locations**

- UKF11 - Derby

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## **Submission**

## **Enquiry deadline**

21 November 2025, 12:00pm

## **Tender submission deadline**

5 December 2025, 12:00pm

## **Submission address and any special instructions**

<https://www.in-tendhost.co.uk/educationportal.aspx/Home>

Instructions for submission are provided within the Guidance of the tender pack available via the site above.

## **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

## **Languages that may be used for submission**

English

## **Award decision date (estimated)**

6 April 2026

## **Recurring procurement**

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 2 October 2033

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## **Award criteria**

Name	Description	Type
Simple description	100% Qualitative assessment in line with publish methodology available for download at <a href="https://www.in-tendhost.co.uk/educationportal/asp/Home">https://www.in-tendhost.co.uk/educationportal/asp/Home</a>	Price

### Weighting description

100% Qualitative assessment in line with publish methodology available for download at <https://www.in-tendhost.co.uk/educationportal/asp/Home>

### Other information

#### Payment terms

30 days from date of undisputed invoice

#### Description of risks to contract performance

Failure to adhere to mandatory requirements of tender would result in further action and or breach. Risks to contract performance include changes to DCG sites (inclusion of additional or removal of sites), staff or learner numbers, educational delivery models. Additionally changes to legislative provisions (including employment rights), the catering offer (prices and food offer) required by the provider and or market developments in the local community may impact on overall provision requiring modification.

#### Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Open procedure

### Special regime

Light touch

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## Documents

### Associated tender documents

<https://www.in-tendhost.co.uk/educationportal.aspx/Home>

Full and unrestricted access to all tender documents can be obtained from <https://www.in-tendhost.co.uk/educationportal.aspx/Home>. Should you have any difficulty accessing documents please email [anna@agmprocurement.com](mailto:anna@agmprocurement.com) otherwise all queries through the correspondence function of In-tend please.

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## Contracting authority

## **Derby College Group**

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Region: UKF11 - Derby

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government