

A canteen where every student can come and eat, relax, and socialise. A canteen that promotes healthy eating and healthy lifestyles. A canteen that is accessible to all members of the school community.

Current Situation

Here at SWR we currently have a canteen that does not fully meet the needs of our students and a growing school. Students often comment on the lack of space, the amount of time queuing, and the lack of an inspirational environment that promotes healthy eating or leading a healthy lifestyle. The current use of space in the canteen does not allow all students to eat and socialise. The current decoration is bland, old, and a little childish. The signage in the canteen is poor and lacks any details about the food being served. The canteen is currently not a place to enjoy or something to be proud about.

Project Aims

For the reasons mentioned above it is felt the canteen is a perfect space to be included in the social spaces project. Overall we have the following aims:

1. To increase the size of the canteen and to make better use of the space already available
2. To improve the environment of the canteen so that it is a relaxing, positive and welcoming place to be in
3. To have seating that is accessible to all students
4. To be an Eco-friendly canteen.
5. Possible outside space



01. Size

One of the biggest issues with the canteen is the lack of floor space. There are two areas of the canteen. The 'main' area and the 'sandwich room'. The main area has 10 round tables (seating a total of 80 students). These tables are squeezed together and offer little room to move between them. There is also a bar-style bench against the window that can seat 8. The sandwich room contains 4 tables and can sit an additional 24 students. In total only 112 students can use the canteen at anyone time. That is only one year group in the school. We could overcome this by:



Remove the geography cupboard between the two rooms / the walls to the bag room.



Tables that fit into the space and allow more students to use the canteen



The space between tables to be increased to allow movement.

A central seating area with bar style seating for 'quick' eating – for those students who feel uneasy sitting around tables

02. The Environment

The current environment does not encourage students to use it. It is not engaging, bright and welcoming. It also needs to promote the use of healthy eating and leading a healthy life-style. This could be achieved by:

Clear modern signage that has a positive message

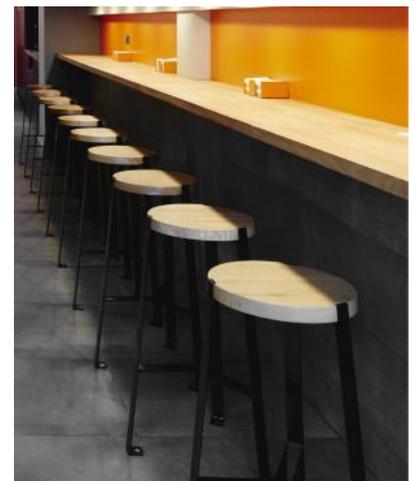


A menu that displays the current options along with clearly displayed nutritional information and dietary information



The use of natural material and bright colours to provide a modern, grown-up and welcoming feel

Possible upgrade to the seating next to the window / corridor



03. Seating

It is important that there is a wide range of seating that all students can access. This could be achieved by:



Modern style seating that students can access regardless of any disability they may have

Different styles of tables for students who wish to eat in large groups or small groups



A bar area for students who want to eat alone or feel uneasy sitting with larger groups of students.



04. Eco-Friendly

The students at SWR felt strongly that the canteen should be an eco-friendly place. It is felt this could be achieved by:



Providing clear (and fun) recycling bins within the canteen in a suitable place.

Use of recyclable plastics and containers. To reduce the amount of packaging required



To promote the environment by the use of displays and messages in the canteen



05. External Area

One idea is to have an external seating area. This could also include a take-away food serving hatch to free up the flow of people coming into the canteen to buy cold food. This could be achieved by.



Installing patio doors on this wall which can be open in the summer time. Outdoor seating area



Having an outdoor seating area for students to enjoy food outside. This would also be linked to the outside projects.

