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What's it all about?



The Food Standards Agency Cooking Bus has been developed in partnership with the Focus on Food campaign to get across healthy eating and food safety messages to school children in an engaging way.



For 40 weeks a year it sets out to different destinations around the country where its two teachers work with school staff to inspire children and highlight the importance of food education, while supporting the national curriculum and teachers' own work objectives.

Over three years the state-of-the-art mobile kitchen will involve more than 18,000 pupils and 2,400 teachers in its interactive cooking sessions, plus those taking part in projects during the school holidays. All Cooking Bus workshops are hands-on events, making finished dishes to eat there and then, or take home for tea.



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The FSA Cooking Bus will continue this work in the school holidays when it will tour community centres, youth clubs and play schemes to make learning about food more accessible.

The bus itself is a pantechicon that opens out to provide a fully equipped state-of-the-art kitchen for 16 students. It is staffed by a senior teacher, a support teacher and a driver technician.

Focus on Food, the campaign with which the Agency has developed its Cooking Bus, always strives to buy food within a 30-mile radius of the school being visited and to make effective use of local produce.



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