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A NEW drive was announced yesterday to replace or improve England's 6,000 pre-1903 primary schools by the late 1970s.

Education Secretary Mrs Margaret Thatcher said it would be paid for by savings on school milk and meals.

She said £132m. would be spent in the three years from 1973. With £40 million allocated next year, the total for the next five years from 1971-76 is now £188m.

In 1973-74, said Mrs Thatcher, there would be nearly 500 projects for the replacement and improvement of old primary schools.

Mrs Thatcher gave the figures at the Association of Education Committees' annual conference in Eastbourne.

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Talking of the milk cuts and more price increases, she said educationalists who talked as though resources were unlimited and put up a show of righteous indignation at the suggestion that public expenditure should be curtailed—however slightly—did their cause a disservice in the long run.

Sometimes it was right to consider switching resources from one sector to another. The decisions taken by the Government over school meals and milk were an example of determining priorities and switching resources.
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