



Allergen Statement – School Settings – School Meals

Schools can inform the catering service of any dietary requirements or request allergen information through our schools' special diets procedure. Our service issues the Special Diets Procedure annually to schools, and upon request.

As a service we avoid the use of any ingredients in which we are aware an ingredient 'contains' or 'may contain' and form of nuts as stated within the industry standard "14 Common Allergens"

Where we are aware that an ingredient 'contains' or 'may contain' one of the common Allergens. This will be declared and treated as if the food served has said Allergen present.

Despite comprehensive Food safety operating procedures to minimise allergen risks, we cannot guarantee meals are completely free from any allergens due to the following:

- *Food is produced in busy kitchens that handle different Ingredients and Allergens.*
- *Industry labelling legislation may mean Allergen information provided may differ to the food served. For example, there is no requirement to state on packaging if the product "May contain" an Allergen.*
- *The External environment(s) within Dining environments may lead to traces of different foods becoming present within Food beyond our control.*

For any additional school events outside of a School Meals remit please refer to the Allergen Statement – 'External Catering Service Provision'.