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Dear Parent/Carer

Management of Pupils with Allergies/Special Diets

Following the introduction of the UK Food Information Amendment on 1st October, 2021, also known as Natasha's Law, we are writing to inform you of both parental and school responsibilities under this amendment and also what this means and the impact it may have.

It is now the responsibility of parents/carers to provide accurate information relating to any allergies/special diets (backed up by medical evidence where applicable) that their child may have or require. Children who do have medical needs will usually be under the care of a clinician and parents/carers should therefore be able to provide information confirming this, such as a letter from the hospital to the family. Parents/carers are responsible for providing the correct information on allergies too, which again will need to be backed up with medical evidence by way of a letter from the GP or letter from a consultant confirming the condition and other details.

It is the school's responsibility to alert parents/carers of the need to provide information and evidence in relation to their child's needs so that this information can then be passed to the catering team. This will then enable the caterers to provide a suitable meal having taken into account the medical and other needs of the child. In addition, the school will then liaise with parents to ensure that this information remains accurate and up to date, via regular reminders.

The school are also responsible for dealing with emergency situations (i.e. should a child arrive at school without completed forms with regards to allergies/diets) and to maintain a database which it will share with the Caterers.

Parents/carers should liaise with school with regards to this matter and any other catering issue, who will then liaise with the catering team on their behalf. Parents/carers should not contact the caterers directly.

The caterers are required to have allergy/special diet procedures in place to ensure the correct food is provided for those pupils with allergies, including the handling and serving of said food.

With the above in mind, can I now please ask that should your child(ren) have an allergy or special diet, would you please complete the attached form and return it to school as soon as possible along with evidence as described above

Should you have any queries with regards this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Hall

Headteacher

