

Dear Parent or Guardian,

## Does your child have any special dietary needs?



If NO, then you don't need to read this letter or do anything else. If YES, then please read this letter and fill in and return the attached form.

Food allergies, intolerances and other dietary-related medical conditions are a growing concern for schools. Children who are affected can suffer a severe or even fatal reaction if they eat or come into contact with food they're allergic to.

Please note the following:-

1. **Fill in the attached** form as accurately as you can, describing any: • Food allergies (for example to cow's milk) • Food intolerances (for example to gluten) • Other dietary-related medical conditions (for example coeliac disease) Please don't use the form to describe your child's food likes and dislikes.
2. **Return the form to** the main front office/reception by 15/12/2023 or at least 3 weeks before the start of the new term / academic year.
3. **If you child as an allergy or intolerance** that is not one of the **14** legal recognised ones, we will need a copy of a doctor or health practitioner's letter to accompany the special diets form
4. **Failure to provide the correct information** needed will mean we will have to serve your child a safe meal until we receive all the information needed to safeguard your child.

Once we get this information, we'll share it with our catering partner AIP/Sodexo Ltd, so they can make sure your child gets alterative meals that are safe for them.

**If your child's condition changes after you send us the form, you need to tell the school as soon as possible.**

We've included answers to frequently asked questions on the following page, as well as information on the difference between allergies, intolerances and dietary requirements. If you've any more questions, please contact the school office.

Thanks for taking the time to read this letter and filling in the attached form.

Together, we can provide a really safe school environment for your child.

Yours faithfully

Darren Swadling

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