

What will we do to ensure we are allergen safe?

To ensure the safety of our school community, we will:

- ✓ List all ingredients on the labels of any food that was made on site and packaged prior to being selected.
- ✓ Ensure we emphasise any potential allergens present each time they appear in the ingredients list, along with minimising the amount of allergenic ingredients where possible.
- ✓ Train all staff to be aware of their responsibility to provide correct allergen information.
- ✓ Ensure that staff are trained in allergy awareness and how to respond to an allergy sufferer's questions.
- ✓ Coach and assess our staff regularly to be sure they are confident in dealing with allergens.
- ✓ Update our **Allergen and Anaphylaxis Policy** to ensure that the allergen information is clear for you as well as our pupils and staff.
- ✓ Ensure all documentation is revised and conveyed to our staff.
- ✓ Engage with suppliers and build good relationships to ensure they keep updated on any product or ingredient changes quickly and inform us of them.
- ✓ Act on all updates or ingredient changes immediately to provide reassurance when buying food.

What can you do?

Although it is not required by law, in order to protect the staff and pupils in our school, we recommend that parents label any food potentially containing allergens you prepare for school events.

Our allergen champion

We have designated **Denise Barnes** to be our allergen champion.

She is in charge of coordinating allergy management and ensuring there is clear communication between those at the different stages of the catering 'process flow'.

You can contact the allergen champion at themedadows@horizonstrust.org.uk to find out more and ask any questions you may have regarding your child's allergens and the actions we are taking to ensure their safety.

Where can you find more information?

For more information regarding the changes that Natasha's Law will bring, you can visit The Food Standards Agency's website: <https://www.food.gov.uk/business-guidance/allergen-guidance-for-food-businesses>.



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A Parent's Guide to New Allergen Rules and Requirements

What is Natasha's Law?