

Natasha's Law is a new legislation relating to the declaration of allergen information on pre-packed for direct sale (PPDS) food. The law takes its name from the tragic death of a teenager named Natasha, who died from an allergic reaction to undeclared sesame seeds in a pre-packaged baguette.

The new law makes it a legal requirement to clearly display information about potential allergens on food packaging for PPDS food.



## When does the law come into effect?

Natasha's Law will be implemented on 1 October 2021. In line with The Food Standards Agency's expectations, we will have these changes in place to ensure that our pupils and staff can feel safe when eating food from the school.

## What is PPDS food?

This is food which has been packaged before the customer has chosen it.

This can include:

- Any food packaged by the school and sold on the premises such as sandwiches.
- Fast food wrapped or packaged before the customer selects it.
- Potted items with lids on.
- Packed lunches for pupils on school trips.



## What is not included?

Food not affected by this law includes:

- Food not in packaging.
- Food which is loose before a customer selects it and packaged afterwards.
- Loose food which was not packaged at the point it was ordered.
- Food supplied by other businesses.



**Labelling laws apply to pupils of all ages – a pupil's ability to interpret the information does not remove our responsibility to provide clear labelling.**

## What kind of allergies will we be required to label?

There are 14 allergens which must be declared by law.

The 14 allergens are as follows:

- Celery
- Cereals containing gluten and wheat such as barley and oats
- Crustaceans such as crabs, prawns and lobsters
- Eggs
- Fish
- Lupin
- Milk
- Molluscs such as mussels, oysters, snails and squid
- Mustard
- Nuts such as almonds, brazil nuts, cashews, pistachio nuts and walnuts
- Peanuts
- Sesame Seeds
- Soybeans
- Sulphur dioxide and sulphites if they are at higher concentrations than 10mg/kg

These 14 allergens should be clearly indicated on the label using clear text such as bold, italics or highlighting the text in another colour.