

Introduction

At Norse Group our Primary School Menus follow the recommendations of the School Food Standards and we endeavour to cater for the majority of the school population. We are aware that not everyone is able to eat all foods. If a child has a medically diagnosed allergy, intolerance or health condition that requires an adapted menu we will endeavour to develop a suitable Allergen Aware Menu for that child.

Please note, we cannot provide an Allergen Aware Menu without the completion of the registration form with supporting medical documentation. Should a parent decide they do not want an Allergen Aware Menu, allergen reports on the full menu are available on the Norse Catering website – www.norsecatering.co.uk.

Definition of an Allergen Aware Menu

The statutory guidance, supporting pupils at school with medical conditions, issued under Section 100 of the Children and Families Act 2014, places a duty on governing bodies to make arrangements for supporting children at school with medical conditions. Supporting a child with a medical condition during school hours is not the sole responsibility of one person. The guidance states a procedure should be put in place, with established day-to-day measures needed for food management; awareness of the child's needs in relation to the menu, individual meal requirements and snacks whilst in school.

Allergen 'Contains' and 'May Contain'

The Norse Group uses nutritional software to analyse all products used in Primary School Menus. The Norse Group has a **strict no nut policy** in its Primary School kitchens and kitchen staff undertake ongoing training in the management of food allergens and intolerances. It is our policy to not buy any products with statements exclaiming that they 'contain' nuts or 'may contain' nuts.

Although we try to avoid 'may contain' ingredients used in our Allergen Aware Menus, we cannot guarantee they do not have a 'may contain' statement as part of the product specification.

Whilst every precaution is taken to eliminate the likelihood of cross-contamination of allergens within Primary School kitchens, we are unable to guarantee a one hundred percent allergen free environment.