

# Willow Dene School

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Dear Parent/Carer

You will have heard in the media a warning regarding the potential peanut contamination of mustard products.

Please find attached a statement from our catering providers, Chartwells in relation to the actions they are taking to ensure that they children are not exposed to any potential contamination.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. T. Harrison'.

Rachel Harrison  
Executive Head Teacher of  
Special Schools

As you have seen in the media, the Food Standards Agency has issued a widespread warning regarding the potential peanut contamination of mustard products – namely mustard, mustard powder, and mustard flour. Mustard is a common allergen in many ingredients, products, and dishes, so we want to reassure you about the steps we have taken to ensure your child is safe.

Over the weekend, our specialist Vendor Assurance team has been working hard to establish whether any mustard products in our supply chain have been contaminated. At this stage, none of the products in our supply chain have been included on the recall list, but this is a fast-moving situation, so we will be taking the following action.

This week any child with a known peanut allergy will be served a jacket potato with a suitable topping for their specific requirements, such as tuna, beans, or cheese, alongside a plain salad, and a piece of fruit.

We understand this is a challenging and worrying time for children with a peanut allergy, as well as parents and guardians. Through our systems, process, and procedures we want to reassure you that we are working concertedly and proactively to ensure every child receives a nutritious and delicious meal that is safe.

We remain in dialogue with the Food Standards Agency and will keep you updated on our policy, as the situation evolves. Please be assured that we take allergens extremely seriously and our teams are trained professionals.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact with myself or message our specialist medical diet team on [Chartwells.medicaldiets@Compass-group.co.uk](mailto:Chartwells.medicaldiets@Compass-group.co.uk)

For further information, please visit the FSA website [Urgent Allergy Advice: Mustard Ingredients Contaminated with Peanuts | Food Standards Agency](#). If you would like to be made aware of future allergen alerts from the FSA, you can subscribe [Subscribe to news and alerts | Food Standards Agency](#).