

Dear Parent/Guardian/Carer,

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 your child 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 <u>Chartwells.medicaldiets@Compass-group.co.uk</u>

For further information, please visit the FSA website <u>here.</u> If you would like to be made aware of future allergen alerts from the FSA, you can subscribe <u>here.</u>

Kind Regards,

Lisa Priestley, Managing Director, Chartwells Schools