



Roskear Primary, Nursery School & Crofty Minors Pre-School

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As you might 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 wanted to write and outline the immediate steps we have taken to ensure the safety of your pupils.

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 proactive steps.

The children we feed with a known peanut allergy will be served whole food items this week, such as a jacket potato with a suitable topping for their specific requirements, such as tuna, beans, or cheese, with a plain salad, and a piece of fruit. We have also introduced a further triple check process for all processed items, such as condiments, sauces, and pre-packed sandwiches, to ensure the safety of every child we serve.

Given the severity of those with an allergy, we will be putting out clear signage instructing any child with a peanut allergy to make themselves known to catering teams. This is particularly important for the pupils self-managing allergens in secondary schools, and whom might not be able to eat a dish or item they typically would.

We understand this is a challenging and worrying time for children with a peanut allergy, as well as parents, guardians, and schools. Through our systems, process, and procedures we want you to know 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 a member of my team, directly.

For further information, please visit the FSA website [here](#). If you would like to be made aware of future allergen alerts from the FSA, you can subscribe [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

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