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Nut Policy Statement

Chartwells do not intentionally use any products that contains nuts or nut derivatives within our school menus

Current labelling regulations do not allow foodservice providers (Chartwells) to declare a nut free status as many manufacturers will declare a “may contain” status on their ingredients or products. Manufacturers use a “may contain” status when there is a possibility that small amounts of nuts may have entered the product accidentally through cross contamination. During our ingredient selection process, our nutritionists will not approve any new ingredients with a ‘may contain nuts’ allergen declaration, however occasionally existing products may have their allergen declaration changed by the manufacturer whilst in our supply chain and Chartwells will mark such recipes as “contains nuts” on our allergy reports as an act of caution. Please note that this is part of best practice to ensure the safety of all allergy sufferers which is our utmost priority.

In Reading schools any manufacturer products that have changed their allergen declaration will also be removed from the main menu.

The Chartwells nutrition team can produce nut free menus for nut allergy sufferers; these menus will not contain any ingredients that have a “may contain” status attached and can be found on the Nutrition & Education community of Connections. The management of children with food allergies and intolerances within schools is a shared responsibility between the school, GP/Dietitian, parents, child and Chartwells employees. Chartwells’ ‘Special Diet Procedures’ are in place to assist with the management of food allergies and intolerances.

This policy is widely accepted by schools and we make every effort to keep up to date with new products and changes in products to ensure that to the best of our knowledge we adhere to this.

For further information please contact nutrition@compass-group.co.uk

