



Primary Education

Medical Diets Update June 2024

Medical diets are a very important part of our catering provision in schools. Allergen procedures are essential to ensure that the needs of individual pupils can be safely met. To ensure we offer the best possible service to our pupils and families, Mellors Catering Services have individual menu plans in place for all pupils who have an allergy or intolerance.

We have recently reviewed and updated our procedure for **Primary Schools** to make the process simpler and **safer** for our pupils, schools and catering teams. The main change that you will see is an, introduction of '**Medical Dietary Request Form**' this is to be completed by school and passed to the kitchen. This document replaces the 'Allergen Parent Pack' and means communication is between Mellors Catering Services and our schools rather than parents.

The benefit of this is we can work with you to provide a nutritious meal fast. We work closely with our supplier to ensure we have a range of allergen free food available and we can create a balanced menu within a week of receiving the '**Medical Dietary Request**' form back from you.

Our catering team has a hard copy of the form and e-mail version that can be sent across to you for future pupils who are registering with a medical diet.

For existing pupils, the current documentation still stands and no further action is required.

Thank you for your support with this update, we are confident this amend will support the safety of our customers and simplify the process for parents and our schools.

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