



St. Mark's C.E. Primary School

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A NOTE FROM OUR CATERING PARTNER, EDUCATERING

Dear Parents and Carers,

We at Educatering are delighted to be supporting your school in providing nutritious and well-balanced lunches for your children.

For those of you whose children have food allergens or specific dietary requirements, I would like to reassure you that, where a child is registered with the school as requiring a special diet, all menu items are reviewed and adapted, where possible, to meet their dietary needs.

For example, dishes such as macaroni cheese can be prepared using dairy-free milk and cheese alternatives, and gluten-free pasta and breads can be used where required. Other meals are adjusted as appropriate, such as omitting or substituting certain ingredients to ensure they remain suitable for the individual dietary requirement.

There are a small number of dishes that cannot be adapted to meet specific dietary requirements. In these instances, when such items appear on the menu, a suitable alternative will always be provided, such as a jacket potato or another appropriate dietary-specific option.

With regard to desserts, suitable options are available for a range of dietary requirements. For example, gluten-free and dairy-free cakes or biscuits can be provided where required, and fresh fruit is always available as an alternative.

Children's meals should continue to be ordered as normal through the standard ordering process, as dietary requirements are already linked to their records and taken into account automatically.

Once meal orders are received in the kitchen, the team carefully reviews them to identify any required dietary adaptations. Meals are then prepared, cooked, and stored separately where necessary to ensure dietary requirements are safely met.

I hope this information is helpful. We look forward to continuing to provide healthy and nutritious lunches for your children.

Yours faithfully,

The Educating Team