

Food Department Allergen Information and Parent Declaration

Dear Parents and Carers,

The safety and wellbeing of our students is our highest priority. We ask that you read the following information regarding food preparation within the Food Department.

Our Food Department operates as a **nut-free environment**, and staff take reasonable precautions to minimise the risk of allergen cross-contamination.

The measures we have in place include:

- Separate equipment is used for allergen-related food preparation where appropriate. This equipment is thoroughly cleaned and sanitised by staff after each use.
- All work surfaces and tables are cleaned and treated with an antibacterial sanitising solution after every lesson.
- Students are reminded of good hygiene practices, including thorough handwashing and cleaning of their work areas.

Despite these measures, it is important to understand that:

- All food is prepared within the same teaching kitchen, and we **cannot guarantee that allergen cross-contamination will not occur.**
- Our ovens are shared by multiple students during practical lessons. As a result, we **cannot guarantee that food prepared by a student with an allergy will not be cooked in the same oven as food containing other allergens.**
- While every reasonable effort is made to reduce the risk of allergen exposure, we **cannot guarantee that any food prepared within the Food Department is completely free from allergen contamination.**

Students with Severe Allergies

Any student who has been prescribed an adrenaline auto-injector (EpiPen or equivalent) **must bring it with them to every Food Technology lesson.** At the beginning of all demonstration and practical lessons, students must hand their auto-injector to their teacher so that it is immediately accessible in the event of an emergency.

If your child has a food allergy or any other dietary requirement, please ensure that the school has up-to-date medical information and that the school nurse is informed of any changes.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe learning environment for all students. If you have any questions or wish to discuss your child's individual dietary or medical needs, please do not hesitate to contact the admin@king-james.co.uk

Yours faithfully,

King James's School