

## NUT SAFETY STATEMENT

Chartwells will never use nuts or any product containing nuts as an ingredient within our food offer. Chartwells may carefully use products with a 'may contain' declaration for nuts as long as no nuts are present in the ingredient list, we will treat such items as 'contains' to reduce the risk to our nut allergy pupils.

All pupils suffering from a nut allergy should request a 'nut free' special diet menu which will remove these products from the menu.

Chartwells do not endorse a complete 'nut free' environment as we believe we have a duty of care to educate our pupils and staff on how to handle and manage their food allergy safely in the school environment in order for them to develop a better awareness to it.

This advice is consistent with external governing bodies and charities who state that a complete 'nut free' environment is artificial and not consistent with the real world which can provide pupils with a false sense of security.

For further information please contact the Chartwells special diets team.