Natasha's Law

What is Natasha's Law?

Natasha's Law is a new legislation relating to the declaration of allergen information on pre-packed for direct sale (PPDS) food.

The new law makes it a legal requirement to clearly display information about potential allergens on food packaging for PPDS food.

When does the law come into effect?

Natasha's Law will be implemented on 1st October 2021. In line with The Food Standards Agency's expectations, we will have these changes in place ahead of time, and by 29th September 2021 at the latest, to ensure that our pupils and staff can feel safe when eating food from the school.

What is PPDS food?

This is food which has been packaged before the customer has chosen it.

This can include:

- Any food packaged by the school and sold on the premises such as sandwiches.
- Fast food wrapped or packaged before the customer selects it.
- Potted items with lids on.
- Packed lunches for pupils on school trips.

What is not included?

Food not affected by this law includes:

- Food not in packaging.
- Food which is loose before a customer selects it and packaged afterwards.
- Loose food which was not packaged at the point it was ordered.
- Food supplied by other businesses.

What kind of allergies will we be required to label?

There are 14 allergens which must be declared by law.

The 14 allergens are as follows:

- Celery
- Cereals containing gluten and wheat such as barley and oats
- Crustaceans such as crabs, prawns and lobsters
- Eggs
- Fish
- Lupin
- Milk
- Molluscs such as mussels, oysters, snails and squid
- Mustard
- Nuts such as almonds, brazil nuts, cashews, pistachio nuts and walnuts
- Peanuts
- Sesame Seeds
- Soybeans
- Sulphur dioxide and sulphites if they are at higher concentrations than 10mg/kg

Where can you find more information?

More information on the changes required by Natasha's Law can be found here: https://www.cypad.com/2021/02/24/schools-natashas-law/.