Leamington Hastings C of E Academy

Plant, Grow, Flourish!

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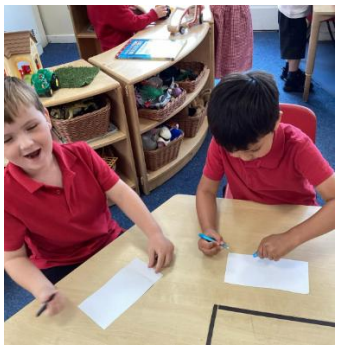
What a wonderful first full week we have had! It has been lovely to see our school and nursery full of happy children, busy classrooms and lots of learning once again. The children have settled brilliantly into their new classes and routines, and we are incredibly proud of how well they have adapted.







We have been busy behind the scenes planning our diary dates for the year ahead. We know how helpful it is for families to have plenty of notice, so the dates and events arranged for the autumn term so far are included within this newsletter. These will be added to Dojo over the course of the next week so that you can use this as a reminder, along with including the dates within each newsletter. We will add additional dates as they become available.

When we carried out our parent survey last year, one of the things you told us was that you would like more information about how you can support your child's learning at home. In response to your feedback, we have changed our homework grids into Curriculum Summaries. These will give you a clear overview of what your child will be learning throughout the half term, as well as practical ideas and suggestions for how you can support their learning at home, should you wish to. We hope these summaries will help you to feel more informed about your child's learning and provide simple ways to talk about and reinforce what they are learning in school. Look out for these being posted to your child's Class Dojo page!

Thank you for your ongoing support, have a lovely weekend.

Suzanne Marson

Headteacher

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Pupil achievements this week

Learner of the week

Eagle Owls (EYFS):	Jack	Snowy Owls (KS1):	Max

Learning behaviour of the week (based on the half termly learning behaviour focus)

Eagle Owls (EYFS):	Oscar	Snowy Owls (KS1):	Millie

Presentation award

Eagle Owls (EYFS):	Ruben	Snowy Owls (KS1):	Isla

Home Achievements

This week the achievements include swimming and Rugby football

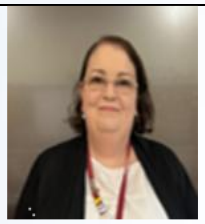


Spotlight on .....

Safeguarding



At Leamington Hastings, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility and our top priority. Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play. The children's wellbeing, safety, achievement and happiness underpin every decision we make. Often when safeguarding is mentioned, the immediate thought is about child protection –when a child is suffering harm, or is in danger of suffering harm. However, safeguarding is much more complex than this and encompasses a very wide range of issues. At Leamington Hastings, we ensure that our staff are well trained in all aspects of safeguarding, and this training is regularly updated and frequently revisited throughout the year. The members of the school safeguarding team can be seen below:



Mrs Suzanne Marson, Headteacher

Mrs. Marson is the Designated Safeguarding Lead for the school and leads on safeguarding and child protection. Mrs Marson will take the lead where a child has a Child in Need or a Child Protection plan.



Miss Annie Scofield, Assistant Headteacher

Miss Scofield is a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. Miss Scofield will lead on safeguarding and child protection when Mrs Marson is off site and may attend meetings in Mrs Marson's absence.



Mrs Liz Wooldridge

Mrs Wooldridge leads on all aspects of Early Support (Early Help) and is a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. If you need Early Help support with any issues outlined in the poster to the right, Mrs Wooldridge is your point of contact in school.

Mrs Wooldridge is also the school's Designated Teacher for Looked After Children.



Spotlight on .....

We also ensure that our curriculum provides the children with age- appropriate opportunities to learn how to keep themselves healthy and safe. Safeguarding themes are interwoven throughout our curriculum within school. Some examples include:

- Promotion of our school rules and values
- Promotion of British Values
- Themes and values in collective worships
- Internet Safety days and lessons, with age appropriate activities
- A half termly online safety program for all age groups within school
- Online safety discussions within computing and other relevant lessons
- Involvement in World Mental Health Day, Anti-Bullying Week and Children's Mental Health Week
- Our PSHE curriculum, including a class charter at the start of each academic year
- Lessons exploring keeping healthy, including topics such as diet, exercise, hygiene and sleep
- The Protective Behaviours curriculum





Diary Dates

Any new dates will be added in red

WC 14th September	**Recycling Week** **Across the week we will be considering how we can recycle more of our waste.**
Monday 21st September	**Harvest Festival Donations** **Children throughout the school are welcome to bring any donations of non-perishable goods into school as part of Harvest Festival. All donations will be collected by Hope 4, Rugby Foodbank.**
Thursday 24th September	**Flu Vaccines** **Children from reception to year two will be having their flu vaccines in school where parental consent has been provided.**
Friday 25th September	**European day of languages** **To celebrate the rich diversity of our society, we challenge the children to come into school ready to answer the register with a greeting in any language of their choice.**
Monday 28th September	**Friends of Leamington Hastings meeting** **Our wonderful Friends (PTA) are meeting for the first time this academic year online via Microsoft Teams at 8pm. All parents are welcome to join us via this link: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/355218232296576?p=oaLGNET7uMTenfTokp**
Tuesday 29th September	**World Heart Day** **We will be holding a fundraising day with proceeds to be split between Birmingham Children's Hospital who have supported several of our children in school, and Our Jay Foundation. Children are invited to come into school wearing non-uniform, including something red, for a voluntary donation.**
Tuesday 29th September	**Curriculum evening** **Parents are invited to come into school to find out what their children will be taught over the course of this academic year, including how we teach reading, handwriting, writing and maths. Please enter and leave the school via the school office and make your way to the year group classrooms. There will be a session for each Key Stage to accommodate those who would like to attend both sessions. Slides will be uploaded to Dojo after the session. Please arrive for a 4:30pm start in Key Stage One (years 1 and 2) and a 5:15pm start in EYFS (nursery and reception)**
Wednesday 30th September	**Parent's evening booking opens** **Please arrange to book your child's parent's evening slot via MCAS.**
Thursday 1st October	**National Poetry Day** **Children will be learning about poetry within school. Children are invited to come into school having learnt aa poem that they can recite to their classmates.**
Monday 5th October	**Harvest Festival service** **Parents are invited to join us in the school hall for a Harvest Festival service. School staff, children and members of the church will lead the service. Please enter via the school office for a 2:30pm start.**

Wednesday 7th October	**Harvest Festival donations** **Last day of donations towards Rugby Foodbank as part of Harvest Festival.**
Thursday 8th October	**Passport to world views afternoon - Diwali** **Children will be learning about the festival of Diwali during the afternoon.**
Friday 9th October	**World Mental Health Day 'Hello Yellow'** **Children are invited to wear non-uniform / yellow clothing on this day. A voluntary donation towards Young Minds can be made should parents wish to. During the school day, we will be teaching children about the Zones of Regulation, focusing on recognising and understanding feelings.**
Tuesday 20th October	**Parents Evening 1** **You are invited to come into school for a 10 minute slot to talk about your child's progress so far this academic year. Please book your slot via MCAS. Appointments are available from 3:30 pm—6pm. If your appointment is with Mrs Wooldridge, please enter and leave via the school office.**
Wednesday 21st October	**Parents Evening 2** **You are invited to come into school for a 10 minute slot to talk about your child's progress so far this academic year. Please book your slot via MCAS. Appointments are available from 3:30 pm—6pm. If your appointment is with Mrs Wooldridge, please enter and leave via the school office.**
Thursday 22nd October	**Vocabulary Day** **As part of our promotion of adventurous vocabulary, we will be holding a vocabulary day in school. Children are invited to come to school dressed as an adventurous word. Previous examples have included illuminated, festive, floral, glamorous and athletic.**
Friday 23rd October 2026	**Teacher Training Day** **School closed to all children on this day.**
WC 9th November	**Interfaith Week** **Some collective worships throughout the week will focus on the similarities between a range of faiths.**
Wednesday 11th November	**Remembrance Day** **Children will learn about Remembrance Day in an age-appropriate way and take part in a one minute silence at 11am.**
Friday 13th November	**World Kindness Day** **We will be focussing on how to show kindness to one another, linked to antibullying week next week.**
Friday 13th November	**Children in Need** **Children are invited to come into school in non-uniform, including wearing spots. Parents are welcome to make a voluntary donation on this day.**
WC Monday 16th November	**Antibullying Week** **Children will be taught about antibullying throughout the week. Children are invited to wear odd socks to school on Monday, demonstrating that we are all unique.**

Tuesday 17th November	**Open Evening for prospective reception and nursery** **Is your child due to start reception or nursery in September 2027? Prospective reception parents are welcome to join us for a presentation and a chance to look around the school. Please book via the school office and arrive via the school office for a 5pm start**
Thursday 26th November	**Passport to world views afternoon – Hannukah** **Children will be learning about the festival of Hannukah during the afternoon.**
Saturday 28th November	**Christmas Wreath Making Workshop** **Friends of Leamington Hastings PTA fundraiser. Please see poster for further details.**
Monday 30th November	**Open afternoon for prospective reception and nursery** **If your child is due to start reception or nursery in September 2027, you are welcome to join us for a group tour around the school at 2pm. Please book via the school office.**
Wednesday 2nd December	**Open morning for prospective parents** **If your child is due to start reception or nursery in September 2027, you are welcome to join us for a group tour around the school at 9.30am. Please book via the school office.**
Wednesday 2nd December	**Christingle Service** **Parents are welcome to come into school to join the children for a Christingle service. Please arrive via the school office for a 2:30pm start.**
Thursday 10th December	**Christmas Jumper & Craft Day** **Children are welcome to come into school wearing non-uniform, including a Christmas jumper, for Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. Any voluntary donations are welcome. Children will take part in a Christmas craft day on this day.**
Monday 14th December	**Christmas Performance 1** **The children across school will perform their Christmas play at 2:30pm. Each family will receive two tickets for the play, which will be sent home nearer the time. Please enter and leave the school via the school office.**
Tuesday 15th December	**Christmas Performance 2** **The children across school will perform their Christmas play at 9:15am. Each family will receive two tickets for the play, which will be sent home nearer the time. Please enter and leave the school via the school office.**
Wednesday 16th December 2026	**Warwick Arts Centre Theatre Visit – The Gruffalo Child** **The whole school will visit the Warwick Arts Centre in the morning to see The Gruffalo's Child as a theatre performance. More details to follow. We will need parental helpers for the trip, please let the school office know if you are able to help.**
Tuesday 12th January 2027	**CBSO Reception and KS1 Schools Concert –** More details to follow
Tuesday 2nd March 2027	**Oxford Natural History Museum KS1 Trip –** More details to follow

Current Lunch Menu

AUTUMN MENU 2026

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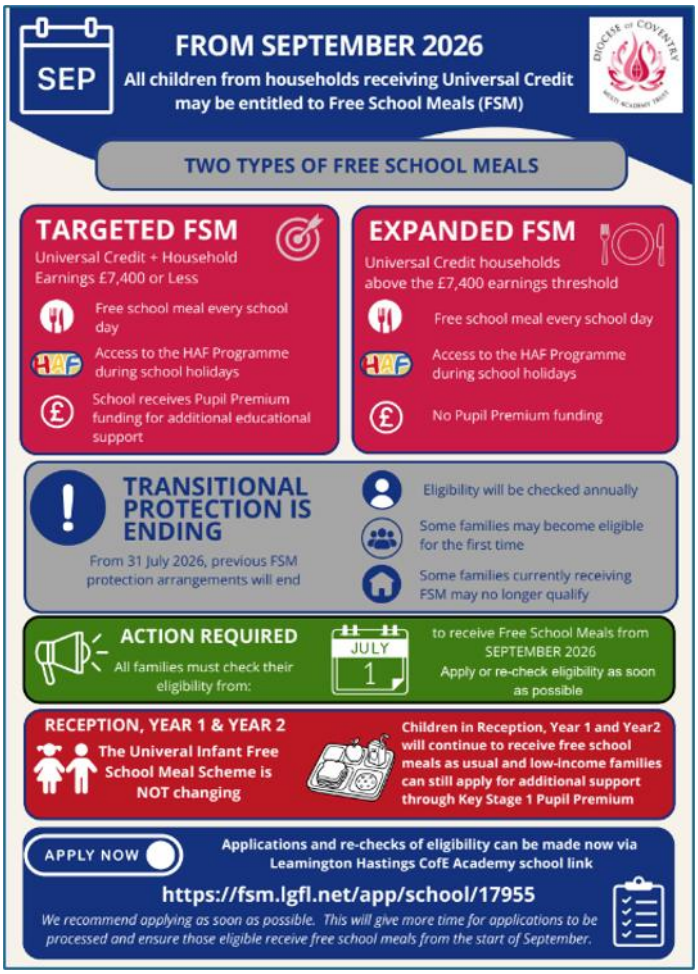
		Planet Friendly MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 31/08/26 21/09/26 12/10/26	Option One	Chef's Special Creamy Chickpea Curry with Rice (VE)	Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice (VE)	Roasted Quorn, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy (VE)	Smokey Bean Burger with Wedges & Tomato Sauce (VE)	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce (V)
	Option Two	Classic Macaroni Cheese (V)	Phat Pasty Pork Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	**NEW** Banana Mousse (V)	Orange Drizzle Cake (V)	Fruit Platter (VE)	Apple Flapjack (VE)	Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins (VE)
WEEK TWO 07/09/26 28/09/26 19/10/26	Option One	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice (VE)	Spaghetti & Planet Friendly Tomato Saucy Meatballs(VE)	Lentil Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Gravy (VE)	Greek Spinach & Cheese Whirl with Herby Rice, Tzatziki & Salad (V)	**NEW** Cheesy Broccoli Frittata with Chips (V)
	Option Two	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Summer Mixed Salad (V)	Beef Chilli with Rice & Sweetcorn & Cucumber Salsa	Roasted Pork or Chicken Sausage, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Greek Chicken Pitta with Herby Rice, Tzatziki & Salad	Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Iced Vanilla Sponge (V)	Peaches & Ice Cream (V)	Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad (VE)	Jam & Coconut Sponge with Custard (V)	Oaty Cookie (VE)
WEEK THREE 14/09/26 05/10/26	Option One	Saucy Tomato Pasta (VE)	Mexican Bean Roll with New Potatoes & Rainbow Slaw (VE)	Hearty Garden Loaf with Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy (VE)	All Day Planet Friendly Breakfast (V)	Nature Ranger Sausage and Bean Hotpot (VE)
	Option Two	**NEW** Chinese-Style Rainbow Noodles (V)	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges & Rainbow Slaw	Roast of the Day, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Chef Shilpa's Chicken Korma with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Pineapple Upside Down Cake (V)	Cheese & Crackers (V)	Fruit Medley (VE)	Strawberry and Apple Crumble with Custard (V)	Vanilla Shortbread (VE)

MENU KEY: Whole grain; Plant based; Added plant protein; Chef's Special

AVAILABLE DAILY: Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings, Salad Bar, Bread, Fruit.

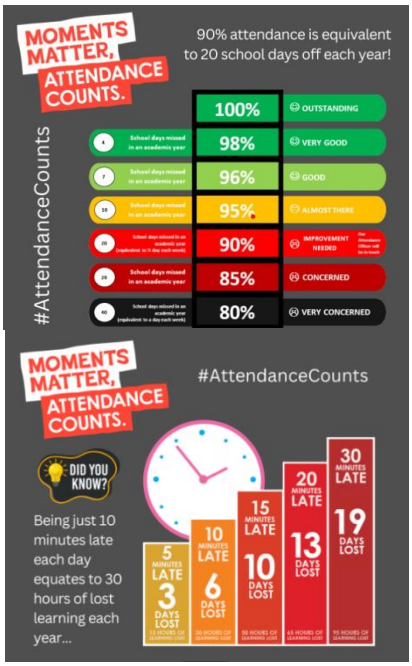
If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods, please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.



Attendance Weekly Summary

Whole School: 98% (Target 97%)

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
100%	96%	91%



PE Days

Children should wear their P.E. kits to school on the following days. On other days, normal school uniform should be worn.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception KS1				Reception KS1

After-School Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Arts & Crafts	Dodge Ball	Target Games	Street Dance	Multi Sport

To book a place in an after-school club, please book via the MCAS app.

Term Dates

Academic Year 2026/2027

Autumn term 2026

Training days: Tuesday 1st September and Wednesday 2nd September

Term starts for children: Thursday 3rd September

Training day: Friday 23rd October

Half term: Monday 26th to Friday 30th October

End of term: Friday 18th December

Christmas holiday: Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January

Spring term 2027

Training day: Monday 4th January

Start of term for children: Tuesday 5th January

Half term: Monday 15th to Friday 19th February

Training day: Monday 22nd February

End of term: Thursday 25th March

Easter holiday: Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April

Summer term 2027

Start of term: Monday 12th April

Bank holiday: Monday 3rd May

Half term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

Training day: Monday 7th June

End of term: Wednesday 21st July

Summer holiday: Thursday 22nd July to Wednesday 1st September

For Warwickshire school term dates please click here.

* School and nursery are closed to all children during bank holidays, training days and holiday periods.

In Collective Worship this week …

In collective worship this week, we have used the story The Golden Rule and the bible story The Good Samaritan to explore our value of friendship. We have considered how we can show friendship to one another in our everyday lives.

In our Picture News session, we found out about a new NASA telescope and considered if we felt it was important to explore the universe.

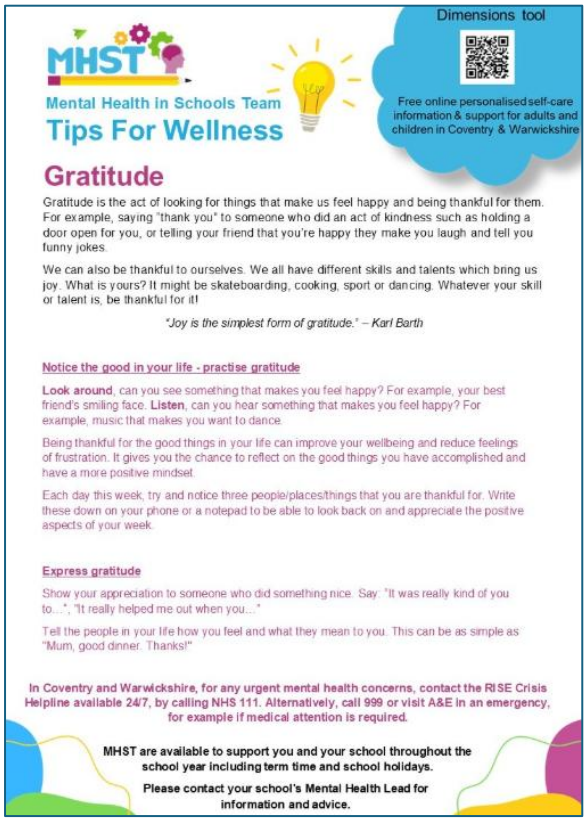
Christian Value this half term



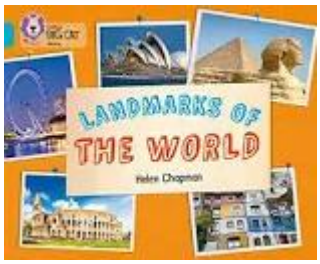
Learning Behaviour this half term



Mental Health Support



Book of the week



Title: Landmarks of the World

Author: Helen Chapman

Recommended by: Arnie

Arnie recommended this fact filled non fiction book this week. He enjoyed sharing facts including the pyramids in Egypt.

E-Safety tip of the week

NSPCC

This week's top tip for parents to keep children safe online.

Please find the link to the online safety tips.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

The Warwickshire Local Authority monthly SEND newsletter can be found here. Click link

The Warwickshire SEND local offer can be found here. Click link

Families can request free advice and support through Warwickshire SENDIASS Click link

Government Consultation

Please find a link to the government consultation on further measures to prepare children for the future in an age of rapid technological change. This includes potential age restrictions on social media and other services such as gaming sites and AI chatbots, restrictions on addictive design features and risky functionalities, and better support for parents and families.

Click here to access the government consultation

Family Support

Families can access free parenting courses through Eventbrite here.

Click on Family Information Service for a wide range of information to support families, or to request support.



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The real cost of a packed lunch vs. a school meal

Choosing a school meal could save you up to £480 a year!

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Preparing a packed lunch every day adds up. Here's what it could cost you across a school year:

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BUDGET OPTION	MID-RANGE	HIGHER RANGE
FROM £1.60 PER DAY	FROM £2.30 PER DAY	FROM £2.80 PER DAY
£304 – £342 PER YEAR	£437 – £475 PER YEAR	£532 – £570 PER YEAR
Even at the lowest cost, that's £300+ spent by families unnecessarily.	Costs are similar to the value of the funded school meal.	Spending more than the full value of the school meal funding.

Don't miss out on up to £480 in funding available for your child every year.

Why school meals are great for your child

Healthy & balanced – Nutritious meals made to strict standards to fuel growing bodies and minds.

Better for learning – The right nutrients help with concentration, behaviour and achievement.

Social & fun – Lunchtime is a chance to build friendships and enjoy a positive dining experience.

Tasty & varied – Delicious meals with lots of choice to suit all tastes and dietary needs.

Better for the planet – School meals reduce packaging waste and support sustainable practices.



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Questions?

Speak to your school office or visit caterlinkltd.co.uk for more information.

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ONLINE FOOD ALLERGEN & INTOLERANCE FORM

At Caterlink the safety of our pupils is our number one priority, and we take catering for customers with food allergies and intolerances very seriously.

The below information details how to complete our online form for pupils who require a special diet menu due to allergens, intolerances or medical conditions.

STEP 1 You can request a special diet menu by completing our online Allergy & Intolerance Form – CTL – Food Allergy & Intolerance Form V2

This needs to be submitted with supporting medical evidence from an NHS professional (a GP/consultant or registered dietitian). This can be a letter, copy of medical notes, an Allergy Action Plan signed by a medical professional or a screenshot from the NHS app. Medical evidence is an industry-wide requirement, recommended by the Lead Association for Catering in Education (LACA).

Please ensure that when you enter the school name that the unit number and postcode listed are correct for your school.

STEP 2 Whilst waiting to see if a special diet menu has been approved any children with food allergies or intolerances can be provided with a 'safe meal' – jacket potato with baked beans, vegetables and fresh fruit salad (if suitable for the pupil's allergies).

If you would like your child to have a 'safe meal' please let your school know.

STEP 3 The Caterlink team will review the request and check that it is safe to cater for using the LACA Special Diet Risk Analysis Process for Caterers where required. The risk analysis looks at the pupil's requirements, the medical evidence, the capability of the kitchen facilities and the school environment to determine if the request is low, medium or high risk.

STEP 4 If deemed safe to cater for by our Caterlink nutrition team will then develop the special diet menu, with at least one suitable meal option daily. This can take up to four weeks from receiving all of the information required.



Should your child's allergies or intolerances change, you should request the link from the school and choose 'Updated Request'.

If your child has become allergic or intolerant to additional foods, please ring the school immediately and request a safe meal.

Get festive...

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