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Dear Parents and Carers,

URGENT ALLERGY ADVICE - MUSTARD INGREDIENTS CONTAMINATED WITH PEANUTS

You may have seen on the news that Food Standards Scotland (FSS) and the Food Standards Agency (FSA) have advised that “batches of mustard, mustard powder and mustard flour imported to the UK have been found to contain undeclared peanut.”

As this could present a significant food safety issue, the Council would like to urgently advise families of any young people with peanut allergies, that in line with the FSS and FSA guidance received, certain dishes available on South Ayrshire school menus should be avoided for the time being until a further update can be provided.

Menu items that may contain mustard include all pasta dishes, including pasta salads, however, for a full understanding of all items affected, please visit the Council’s menu information portals through the following links. Here, nutritional information for all meals and items served in South Ayrshire Council schools, as per the image below, can be viewed;

<https://southayrshire.mysaffronportal.com/> - Primary Schools

<https://southayrshiresec.mysaffronportal.com/Menus> - Secondary Schools

Main Meal

Description	Each portion contains					Cereals Containing Gluten	Crustaceans	Eggs	Fish	Peanuts	Soya	Milk	Nuts	Celery	Mustard	Sesame Seeds	Sulphur Dioxide	Lupin	Molluscs
	Energy	Fat	Saturates	Sugars	Salt														
Breaded fish	83kcal 349kj	LOW <0.5g	LOW <0.1g	LOW 1.1g	MEDIUM 0.30g	✓			✓										Contains: Wheat
Chips	191kcal 800kj	MEDIUM 9.5g	LOW 0.8g	LOW <0.5g	LOW 0.05g														
Beef Lasagne	339kcal 1420kj	MEDIUM 18g	HIGH 7.5g	LOW 7.0g	MEDIUM 1.2g	✓		?		?	✓				?				Contains: Wheat
Baked potato	165kcal 690kj	LOW <0.5g	LOW 0.2g	LOW 2.4g	LOW <0.01g														

Full guidance from the FSA can be viewed through the following link and in the attachment sent with this letter.

<https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/news/urgent-allergy-advice-mustard-ingredients-contaminated-with-peanuts>

Yours sincerely,

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