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Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Nationwide Allergy Warning on behalf of the Food Standards Agency

The Food Standards Agency has updated us of a warning people with a peanut allergy to avoid consuming foods that contain, or might contain, **mustard, mustard powder, or mustard flour**, because these ingredients may have been contaminated with peanuts. These ingredients can be found in food such as dips, sauces, pre-made salads, pasta, curries, cake products, custards and sandwiches.

The Food Standards Agency is working hard to identify the products which may have been contaminated with these mustard ingredients because of the severity of some allergic reactions to peanuts.

Therefore, as a precautionary measure, we would like to assure our parents/carers that academies and staff are aware of this situation. We have contacted all of our suppliers and none of them have had to recall any of the products we purchase from them. However, this is a fast-moving situation and may change as FSA releases further information. We will keep you updated of any changes.

Whilst the FSA resolves this situation, we strongly encourage our pupils and staff with a peanut allergy to avoid products containing mustard of any kind. If in any doubt, please contact academy catering staff. All of our allergen information can be obtained from a member of staff within our primary and secondary academies.

Please be assured our catering teams are fully informed regarding allergens and will be able to answer any questions on site.

Additional information can be found on the FSA website [Homepage | Food Standards Agency](#).

Safety is extremely important to everyone at Thomas Deacon Education Trust, and on behalf of the FSA, we are sorry for any concern and inconvenience this issue may cause you.

If you have any further queries please contact me by email Michael.dove@tdet.education.

Yours sincerely

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