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Dear Parent/Guardian

As you may have seen in the media, the Food Standards Agency have issued Urgent Allergy Advice in relation to the potential contamination of mustard and ingredients made from mustard with peanuts. The FSA is advising people who have a peanut allergy to avoid consuming foods that contain or may contain mustard, mustard powder or mustard flour due to this potential contamination.

The FSA is urgently working with the relevant Local Authorities, individual businesses and industry to identify the source of the contaminated mustard ingredients. The FSA state:

*"We have traced the contaminated mustard ingredients to a producer in India called GT Agro Industries and have identified one company who has supplied these ingredients for use in UK food. There is no evidence other suppliers are affected so far."*

Several products have been identified as potentially contaminated and these have been recalled. These are largely sandwich fillings and dips sold in supermarkets and takeaways. None of the products that have been recalled are within our supply chain. You can view the list of products here: <https://www.food.gov.uk/news-alerts/alert/fsa-aa-42-2024-update-4>

The FSA & Allergy UK are continuing to advise individuals with a peanut allergy to avoid mustard and products containing or stating may contain mustard until further investigations take place. Therefore, we have advised our kitchens to ensure that any product that contain or state may contain mustard are not used when preparing school lunches until the FSA have completed their investigations.

We have also asked all schools to ensure that pupils with peanut allergens are known to the catering team so they can ensure the food provided to them is safe.

For further information, please visit the FSA website [here](#). If you would like to be made aware of future allergen alerts from the FSA, you can subscribe [here](#).

Kindest regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Claire Venys".

Claire Venys

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