

## Alternative Diet Procedure

Gateshead School Catering are passionate that every pupil has the same opportunity to eat school food regardless of religious and dietary views.

Therefore, alternative diets are extremely important part of our catering provision, and our aim is for all pupils to be able to enjoy their lunchtime experience the same as their friends without having to be singled out.

**Definition:** Alternative diet relates to non-life threatening diet based on religious or personal views.

The examples of alterative diet are:

- Halal – religious preference involving
- Vegan diet
- Any other cultural or religious requirement

Note: Please note in some exceptional circumstances we may be unable to offer a provision due to logistic and operational factors.

Step by step procedure:

1. Parent / carer informs school about requirement.
2. Parent / carer – to complete the Alternative diet form – provided by the school office.
3. Once the form is complete this should then be returned to your school office, with an up-to-date photograph, this will be forwarded to Gateshead School catering
4. If required a relevant menu will be provided to the parent / carer to choose the main meal that child will be consuming. *Note that in some cases where its possible, child might have a full menu to choose from on the daily basis.*
5. These choices must be returned to your school office to forward to Gateshead School Catering.
6. The choices will be incorporated onto Alternative diet menu template.
7. Once the Alternative diet form and menu template are complete the kitchen will be briefed and the pupil will be provided with their menu offer, whilst waiting for this to be completed the pupil will be offered a jacket potato with a suitable filling and mixed salad and fresh fruit