

# MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

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**Action Required:** May be used to answer queries about the County Council's policy on the use of GM foods in school meals.

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To Headteachers of all LEA Schools

26 February 1999

Dear Headteacher,

**Re: Genetically Modified Foods**

Particularly in view of the media coverage that this issue has recently been afforded, you may be asked about it in relation to school meals in Norfolk. The County Council released the following statement on 25 February 1999; you may, therefore, find it useful to have to hand:

*'The County Council is very concerned about the issue of GM foods and is very interested in the contribution that the LGA [Local Government Association] has to make. We will certainly listen carefully to what they have to say and take their advice into account.'*

*'We are already avoiding the use of GM foods wherever we can in the meals we supply because we do not believe there is enough information to be able to give our customers the assurances they are seeking.'*

*'All of our suppliers have been asked to tell us when such foods have been used in the products we order, and some have already assured us that their foods are GM free.'*

*'When the facts are clearer we will be consulting with our customers on the best way forward.'*

*'We fully support the food industry in their campaign for accurate labelling. We believe it is essential to have clear information about where GM foods are being used in all foods.'*

Should the position change I will keep you updated. However, if you have any query in the meantime, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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