



QUESTION	ANSWER
<p>Please Note – this response has been drafted by Metrofresh, Wigan Council's catering provider. The answers to the questions are for schools for which Metrofresh is the catering provider. For information in relation to other schools you would need to contact the school direct as they have the autonomy to procure their own catering provider.</p> <p>Please also note – For Metrofresh schools, when a special dietary requirement is requested for religiously slaughtered meat the only meat offered is chicken. Alternatively vegetarian options will be offered.</p>	
<p>Q 1</p> <p>b) How do you know the meat/poultry has not been subject to religious slaughter at the time of slaughter?</p> <p>Is your answer of "All Meat is Stunned" a response in the belief you believe Pre-Stunning negates Religious Slaughter or Halal Certification (both of these are very different)?</p>	<p>All of our meat is procured from approved suppliers from framework agreements. The framework establishment and monitoring ensures that all meat complies with the requirements of the purchaser. Metrofresh have full traceability of all of our food from farm to fork.</p> <p>Attached is our specification for chicken which clearly states that it is not halal and also a specification for chicken that states that it is.</p> <div data-bbox="954 898 1003 955" data-label="Image">  </div> <div data-bbox="1156 898 1205 955" data-label="Image">  </div> <p>410119 GREEN 900046 900046 – GOURMET CHICKEN & Crown Roast Chicken</p> <p>No. Our understanding is that halal meat is meat that can be stunned so long as the stunning is reversible, the animal has been blessed prior to slaughter and the blood is allowed to drain completely post slaughter.</p>
<p>c) Do you conduct checks or are you reliant on the relies from your caterers?</p>	<p>The Council does not undertake checks. It would be the responsibility of the catering provider to ensure that systems were in place to ensure compliance.</p> <p>With regard to Metrofresh - All of our meat is procured from approved suppliers. Our suppliers are all on approved frameworks. We require specifications, as attached before we agree to procure.</p>
<p>d) Do your catering service providers buy in religiously slaughtered meat/poultry as per demand?</p>	<p>Metrofresh would, in certain circumstances purchase, through an approved supplier, from the framework, religiously slaughtered meat, if it was a special dietary requirement.</p>
<p>e) Is it possible to have a breakdown of each school's requests for religiously slaughtered meals for each of the last 3 months? You have answered the question with</p>	<p>There are 6 Metrofresh schools where there is a special dietary requirement for religiously slaughtered meat</p>

<p>N/A. Why is that when you or your caterers are alleged to order Halal food to demand?</p>	<p>In School 1 there are 2 students. In School 2 there are 4 students. In School 3 there are 12 students. In School 4 there are 16 students. In School 5 there are 5 students. In School 6 there are 2 students.</p>
<p>Q 2/3 What assurances are there in place to ensure religiously slaughtered meat does enter the food chain at your schools as provided by your catering service providers?</p>	<p>Metrofresh have approved suppliers for all the food it procures. Kitchen supervisors can only order food from an approved list of ingredients purchased from approved suppliers.</p> <p>All religiously slaughtered meat is labelled and stored separately; as is any food or ingredient required as part of a special dietary requirement.</p> <p>.</p>
<p>Q 5 Are your catering service providers able to provide the Abattoir/Slaughter Codes of the Meat / poultry products either provided frozen or as raw fresh products (products which have not been subject to further processing i.e. coated, marinated when purchased). These will be available from the caterer's suppliers (I do not require the supplier details only the slaughter codes of the products)? If not why not?</p> <p>Your response does not provide details of any Abattoir codes and are only product codes.</p>	<p>Slaughter house code for Green Gourmet chicken UK8016EC</p> <p>Slaughter house code for Crown Foods chicken (suitable for halal diet) CN3700/03446</p>
<p>Q 6 Do you stipulate in your catering service provider contracts that Religiously Slaughtered food should not be served to pupils who do not require it for dietary or religious reason? If so, how do you enforce this? If not, why not?</p> <p>You have failed to answer the question of whether or not you stipulate to your catering providers that Religiously Slaughtered food should not be served to pupils not of that faith.</p>	<p>The Council does not stipulate to catering providers that religiously slaughtered food should not be served to pupils who do not require it for dietary or religious reasons.</p> <p>As detailed above, this answered related to Metrofresh and is therefore only the answer for schools in which Metrofresh is the catering provider – Religiously slaughtered meat is only served to children who require it as part of a special dietary requirement.</p> <p>It can not be ordered by the supervisors in our kitchens unless it has been identified as a special requirement.</p>
<p>Q 7 This question was specific as to whether you as Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council provided any education to pupils regarding Religious Slaughter</p>	<p>The Council does not provide any education to pupils on religious slaughter.</p>

<p>practises whether stunned or unstunned and was not a question to determine if your catering service providers provided any education that contributed to any school curriculum. Therefore this question is again being asked specifically to Wigan Bourough Council.</p> <p>Again this question has not been answered but deflected with a response from your caterers which the question was not directed too.</p>	
<p>Q Has any poultry product whether fresh or frozen served at your schools been subject to religious slaughter at the time of slaughter and served to pupils who do not require any religious or dietary requirement other than those who have requested those specific requirements?</p> <p>Your replied: In all schools only customers with a special dietary requirement would be given an opportunity to discuss their preferred menu.</p> <p>The question of how do you know if Religiously Slaughtered Food was served to pupils not of the faith of the method used for Religious Slaughter conducted at the abattoir at the time of slaughter has not been answered and this ties into the lack of responses to Q's 1b, c, d, e, Q2, Q6.</p>	<p>That is correct. Only children who have a special dietary requirement would be served religiously slaughter poultry and this would only be with their agreement.</p> <p>Metrofresh do not serve religiously slaughtered meat/poultry to children without a special dietary requirement. We know this as our kitchen supervisors are not able to order such meat/poultry without a request being made by school/parent, and this being authorised by our food manager, in line with a special dietary requirement.</p>