(Assume parent/guardian sending email)

Dear Head teacher of [School name],

It has been brought to my/our attention that (Year\_/class\_) are currently learning about food chains in science.

I/We am/are writing to ask [School name] to consider vegan-inclusive practice when planning your food chain teaching and resources. My/Our child, [Child’s name], is vegan. I/We value the lesson objectives within this topic and would like my/our child to be able to take part in accordance with their beliefs.

You may or may not know, veganism is a protected philosophy and way of living which seeks to exclude – as far as is possible and practicable – all forms of exploitation of, and cruelty to, animals for food, clothing or any other purpose. From our perspective other animals and products derived from them are not a source of food; therefore, (our/my) child (insert name) will not feel comfortable taking part in this learning unless your resources are balanced.

**Inclusive**

As you will be aware, discrimination against vegans is prohibited under equality law.

To avoid discrimination and so that the children do not miss out on this learning, could I/we please ask that you explain that some humans are herbivores and do not consume non-human animals or products derived from them. Could I/we also please request that (our/my) child (insert name) completes food chain activities using only non-human animals and plants.

**Resources**

If you would like any further information, The Vegan Society has lots of useful resources and can support your staff in developing their vegan-inclusive practice with CPD accredited training.

A concise guide for educators on how to provide a vegan-inclusive education can be found [here](https://www.vegansociety.com/sites/default/files/uploads/downloads/TVS_Education%20Booklet_A5_DIGITAL.pdf).

I/We have not made this request lightly, as I/we know how hard you work and how far in advance you must plan your termly work and activities.

Thank you for reading this letter. I/We would be more than happy to work in partnership with you on any issues raised because of my/our request.

Yours sincerely,

[Sender name]