**Food and drink in examination rooms**

**JCQ Instructions for conducting examinations 2023-2024**

**Section18.2 (g) outlines the following information:**

Food and drink may be allowed in the examination room at the discretion of the head of centre. However, any food or drink brought into the examination room by the candidate, or the centre must be free from packaging and all labels removed from drink containers.

To enable invigilators to check these items quickly and efficiently:

• food brought into the examination room by the candidate must be free of packaging and in a transparent container;

• drink bottles must be transparent with all labels removed which would include transparent, reusable plastic bottles

**National Star College Procedure**

At National Star, candidates who have a specific medical need for nutrition during the period of time covered by an exam (e.g. gastric feed or maintaining blood glucose levels) will be allowed this. The learner will be seated at a distance from other candidates to ensure they are not distracted. Any food packaging will not be allowed at the learner’s desk.

Bottled water is not permitted but a jug of water, clear plastic cups and straws will be available in the exam room for those who require hydration. The learner will indicate to the invigilator if they require a drink.