

At this school, stay away from veg puff

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Parents can breathe a sigh of relief as a majority of schools and colleges in the city have passed the litmus test conducted by Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation to check the quality of food served to students. However, the civic body found the sample taken from St Xavier's School in Mirzapur to be of sub-standard quality.

The civic body declared food samples taken from the remaining 27 educational institutes, including St Xavier's Loyola in Memnagar and St Xavier's High School in Hansol, to be safe. According to rules laid down by the Food Safety Standard Authority of India (FSSAI), the school authorities can oppose the findings and get the food tested at an FSSAI laboratory in Ghaziabad within a period of 30 days.

The AMC will submit a written complaint to the deputy collector of Ahmedabad if no appeal is made by school authorities within this time period. AMC Additional Health Officer Bhavin Joshi told Mirror, "We had undertaken a drive in 28 schools and colleges in the months of June and July, during which we collected food samples from their canteens. We have undertaken appropriate action against a school where the food was found sub-standard."

Parent of a boy studying at St Xavier's Mirzapur, refusing to be named, told Mirror, "The school is compromising on the health of the students. It is the responsibility of the school management to ensure that hygienic food is served to the students." Repeated attempts to contact school principal Fr Titus DeCosta proved fruitless.

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Safe food samples

- Anandniketan School Thaltej
- St Xavier's Loyola Memnagar
- St Xavier's High School Hansol
- Diwan Ballubhai Kankaria
- Swaminarayan International School Ranip
- Adani Vidyamandir Makarba
- Hiramani School and Hostel SG Highway
- Satva Vikas School Sindhu Bhavan
- Vedant International School Isanpur
- Zebar School Thaltej-Shilaj Road
- Udgam School Thaltej
- Zydus School for Excellence Vejalpur
- Mahatma Gandhi International School Mithakali
- LJ College SG Highway
- Silver Oak Campus Gota
- IIMA Campus Vastrapur
- Vishwakarma Engineering College Motera
- Doctor-Student Mess, GCS Hospital Naroda
- Royal Homes PG Bodakdev
- Khodiyar Canteen Satellite
- Swaminarayan Mess Navrangpura
- Vishwakarma Engg College Boys' Hostel Motera
- Gujarat Research and Medical Institute Shahibaug
- Bhavsar Hostel Mess Vadaj
- Gujarat University Navrangpura
- Swarnim AMC Dental College Khokhra
- Swaminarayan Gurukul Sarvajeev Hitawah Trust Gota