

# COOK'S CAKES TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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These terms form the basis of the contract between our customer and Cook's Cakes.. These Terms, your Order, and your Order confirmation are considered by us to set out the whole agreement between you and us for the sale of cakes. It is your responsibility to check all details in the order confirmation are complete and accurate as this is the document we work to when completing your order.

## **Basis of Sale**

Any samples, drawings, or descriptions we issue, and any descriptions or illustrations contained on our social media are issued solely to provide you with an approximate idea of the cakes they describe and remain the property of Cook's Cakes..

Quotations are valid for a period of 7 calendar days from the day of issue. Cake sizes quoted are in inches and are based on the diameter of the cake.

No contract is made with you until we have received your booking fee. Once your booking fee has been received you are in a legally binding contract with Cook's Cakes.

## **The Cakes**

We warrant that on delivery or collection the Cakes shall conform to their description as set out in the Order Confirmation, be of satisfactory quality, and comply with all food safety, statutory and regulatory requirements in the UK. We will not be held responsible for customer disappointment of the design or the interpretation of the cake as long as it is made in line with the customer's pre-agreed requirements set out in the order confirmation and will face no consequent liability. It is the customer's responsibility to ensure all details within the order confirmation and sketch are correct and meet their exact requirements.

The warranty does not apply to any defect in the Cakes arising from wilful damage, accident, negligence by you or any third party; if you use the cake in a way we do not recommend, your failure to follow our instructions or any alterations you carry out.

Our cakes are made in an environment where nuts, egg, milk, gluten, and other

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allergens are present. We cannot guarantee that any cake is entirely nut-free although we make every effort to ensure that allergies are accommodated.

We cannot guarantee an exact replica of any cake, but we will do our best to make it so. Where colour swatches are provided, we will do our best to match as close as we deem possible. Exact colour matches are not guaranteed.

Fresh flowers are not included in the price of any cake design. If a cake is to be dressed with fresh flowers, Cook's Cakes will order on your behalf using a reputable florist. The cost of the flowers will be added to the cost of the cake. We will arrange the flowers on the cake. NB. Please note some flowers are not suitable for use as a cake decoration. Ask for details regarding toxicity. We cannot be liable for any contamination of our food products that may arise from their misuse.

From time to time certain materials for our cakes may become obsolete. This is totally out of our control; however, we will do our best to select replacement products to reflect the original design as closely as possible. We reserve the right to replace items with component parts of equal or better quality without consultation.

If your cake contains figures made from sugar paste, whilst edible, we do not advise that they be eaten, due to the possible presence of dowels for reinforcement. All of our figures are handmade, and therefore, whilst we try to capture the characteristics of a particular person if requested (such as with eye colour, hair colour, hair length, glasses, etc), we cannot guarantee a true likeness. It is your responsibility to provide images for our reference. If images are not provided standard figures shall be used. Images need to be provided no later than 4 weeks prior to the date your cake is required.

Stacked cakes contain dowels in each tier to provide support and these should be removed before consumption.

The cake is a fresh product containing no additives or preservatives and it is our right to assume consumption on the day requested. Cakes should be stored in a dry place, at room temperature, away from direct sunlight and sources of heat in the box provided. They should NOT be refrigerated.

Cook's Cakes and the customer expressly agree that the cakes and all goods purchased from Cook's Cakes remain the property of Cook's Cakes until paid for in full.

## **Delivery and Collection**

All orders may be collected free of charge from Cook's Cakes by prior arrangement. We accept no responsibility for any damage sustained to the cake once it has left the premises.

If delivery has been requested, we will deliver the cake on the day set out in the order

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confirmation to the address provided. We will make every effort to accommodate you with regards to delivering at a mutually agreed time. Cook's Cakes will always do the best it can to ensure delivery dates agreed are achieved for the provision of the goods or services however the Company cannot accept liability for delays and time shall not be of the essence.

When delivering to a wedding venue, we will contact the venue in advance to arrange a mutually convenient time for delivery. If we set up the wedding cake, we shall take a photograph of the cake before leaving and, where possible, obtain a signature from the venue confirming the cake has been received in good condition. Should the venue need to set up the cake themselves we shall explain how the cake is to be displayed and where possible, obtain a signature to verify we have done so. Once the cake has been delivered, we are unable to accept any liability for any damage sustained to the cake thereafter nor any failure to follow the instructions provided.

If the cake is to be mounted on a cake stand, it remains the responsibility of the customer to provide this to us in good time or to ensure it is at the venue address in good time for the cake delivery in order that we may dress the cake accordingly.

## **Price and Payment**

The price of your cake will be as set out in your order confirmation. No Vat is payable on the cakes. A 50% non refundable booking fee is required for all cake orders A detailed order confirmation will be issued outlining the final balance and payment details. No further payment reminders will be sent, and it is the responsibility of the client to ensure payment is on time.

Please note all booking fees are non-refundable & required within 24 hours of the date on your invoice

The balance must be paid in cleared monies no later than the date set out in the order confirmation by bank transfer to the account specified. Late payments will incur a £25 charge.

If payment is not received by the date specified this shall be constituted as a breach of contract by the client. We reserve the right to hold the order until payment is made in full. When payment is late, we accept no responsibility should we be unable to purchase the required stock or equipment to make the cake as laid out in the order confirmation. In these circumstances, the cake will be made as close to the order confirmation as possible with no redress or liability on Cook's Cakes.

## **Cancellation, postponement, and alterations**

In the event of a cancellation by yourselves, charges are as follows;

More than ninety days prior to the date = booking fee only.

Ninety days to one calendar month prior to the date = booking fee plus half the

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remaining cost.

Less than one calendar month prior to the date = full amount

Any booking fees previously paid are non-refundable.

In the event of a wedding postponement, the payment due remains the same as a cancellation. If you postpone within 90 days of the wedding half the remaining cost will be due on the original payment date. If you postpone less than one month prior to the wedding, the outstanding balance remains payable on the original due date. Subject to availability we will carry any monies paid forward to the new wedding date. Please be aware that we will only do this on one occasion. Any further postponements will be classed as a cancellation. Postponements may also be subject to an increase in costs, in line with the annual cost of inflation, dependant on the duration of the postponement.

You may, prior to 8 weeks before the wedding day, or 14 days for celebration cakes, amend your order by providing us with written notice. In the case of alterations, a new order confirmation will be issued detailing the changes and the new cost. Alterations are not confirmed until a new order confirmation has been issued. Should you make any changes after the time scale stipulated above there will be no a reduction in the price you pay, even if your new design is cheaper than the original booking.

If for any reason you fail to collect your cake order, we reserve the right to take action to recover any balances outstanding.

Cook's Cakes reserves the right to cancel, vary or suspend the operation of this contract if events occur which are in the nature of force majeure including (without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing): fire, floods, storm, plant breakdown, strike, lockouts, riot, hostilities, non-availability of materials or supplies or any other event outside the control of Cook's Cakes, and Cook's Cakes shall not be liable for any breach of contract resulting from such an event. In this situation we will provide you with written notice and any booking fees paid are non-refundable and we refer to our cancellation policy. As such we advise you to purchase wedding insurance.

Cook's Cakes liability (both in contract and tort) in respect of defects in goods or services shall be limited to the issue of a credit note in respect thereof or granting a refund or other such compensatory measures as Cook's Cakes, at it's discretion, considers appropriate in the circumstances and shall be limited to the value of the goods or services giving rise to the claim.

Cook's Cakes shall not under any circumstances be liable for the customer respect of indirect consequential loss or damage or loss of profits, provided always that these conditions do not exclude or restrict Cook's Cakes statutory liability for death or personal injury arising from any negligence on Cook's Cakes part or liability imposed by statutory implied terms in Consumer Contracts.

**Complaints –**

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Complaints are very rare and due to the amount of work put into each individual cake, we take them very seriously. Any issues must be brought to our attention within 48 hours of collection or delivery to give a fair opportunity to assess the nature of the complaint.

Both Parties agree to not post any negative information about the other arising out of this Contract or Event on any online forum or website without providing advance written notice of the intended content thereof and providing the other party with a prior opportunity to resolve any issues between the parties amicably.

Complaints regarding the decoration of celebration cake can be easily repaired so errors of this nature must be pointed out upon delivery/collection so as to give us the opportunity to correct them. Once payment has been handed over this confirms that decoration is as requested, and no further claims can be made.

Where the complaint is in regard to the quality of the cake then the cake, or remainder of the cake/tier, must be returned to us as soon as possible after cutting and within 48 hours of collection/delivery to ensure that we are able to fairly assess the nature of the complaint.

Please note we can only deal with the client who placed the original order.

## **General Terms**

All designs and intellectual property rights remain the property of Cook's Cakes.

We reserve the right to use images of your cake for any form of advertising including web-based promotions, brochures, galleries, and competitions. It is advisable that you make a copy of all documentation received from Cook's Cakes for your own benefit.

This Agreement together with Order Confirmation documents provided constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties relating to the order. Except as may be expressly stated in this Agreement, it supersedes and cancels all prior agreements, statements, representations, understandings, negotiations, and discussions, whether oral or written, between the parties. Each of the parties acknowledges and agrees that in entering into this Agreement it does not rely on any statement, representation, warranty, or understanding made prior to this Agreement save to the extent that such statement, representation, warranty, or understanding is incorporated into this Agreement. Each of the parties acknowledges and agrees that in entering into this Agreement it has not relied on (or has been induced to enter into this Agreement by) any statement, representation, warranty, or understanding made prior to this Agreement. Nothing in this paragraph excludes any liability for fraudulent misrepresentation.

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