



# Here to help in challenging times

**At Brakes, we understand the enormous challenges COVID-19 is creating for your sector and your business. Care homes across the country are struggling to obtain food and essential supplies, raising huge concerns about residents' health and wellbeing.**

We've been involved in the care sector for over 40 years and understand what you're up against. We're here to help, with food, supplies, information and support to keep your residents and staff safe and healthy in these unprecedented times.

## **Everything you need – safely, securely and reliably**

- We deliver to you, saving you time and non-essential contact; plus, you won't be competing with supermarket and cash-and-carry shoppers
- Our drivers are fully trained in relevant social distancing and hygiene measures, further reducing your potential exposure
- Everything you need from a single source, so you don't have to shop around, saving you time and money, and avoiding contact with multiple suppliers and drivers.
- Good stock levels of all core products
- Robust supply chains mean you can be confident of service continuity, however long the current situation persists

## **Looking beyond COVID-19**

While our priority is helping you through the current crisis, we always look to build long-term partnership with our care home customers. Our range of 13,000 products is the largest in UK foodservice, with numerous accreditations and awards underlining our commitment to quality and innovation. And with our regular money-saving offers and promotions, we can help your premises continue to thrive once life returns to normal.

## **More than just food**

As a Brakes customer, you benefit from a range of additional support to help you build long-term resilience and confidence, including

- Training for kitchen staff, including AfN-accredited online nutrition course, IDDSI video and factsheets
- Recipe Bank of over 200 recipes, plus complete four-week menu cycle
- Expert information and advice from our in-house team

## A complete range for all your needs

We have the widest product range in UK foodservice, covering all categories including produce, meat and poultry, fish and seafood, grocery, dairy, bakery, desserts, alcohol, catering supplies and equipment. We also offer ready meals that can be prepared to eat onsite, or taken home. Below are some specific suggestions for products you may find useful in the current situation:



### **BREAKFAST**

Everything you need for the most important meal of the day, including tea and coffee, whatever your kitchen facilities and skill levels.



### **MAIN MEALS**

All the ingredients, centre-of-plate items, desserts and accompaniments you need to serve a full menu. If you're short-staffed, our prepared produce range saves time, labour and waste, and requires lower skill levels than prepping whole items.



### **SNACKS AND LIGHT MEALS**

Sandwiches and other items from our extensive food-to-go and deli ranges make it easy to provide nutritious, appealing light meals and snacks throughout the day, with the flexibility you need to deal with changing schedules and numbers.



### **SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS**

People with underlying medical conditions such as diabetes are particularly vulnerable to C-19 infection. Our range includes products to help you meet the full spectrum of specific dietary needs.



### **DRINKS & SNACKS**

Our range of drinks and snacks covers every part of the day and includes hot and cold drinks for counter and self-service, as well as vending machines.