

23rd January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Banning nut-based products from school

As you may already be aware, we have a student in our school, and another that will be joining us in February 2023, who have a severe nut allergy. The student's anaphylaxis (allergic reaction) can occur as a result of digestion, inhalation, or any other contact with nut-based products. For their safety, all nut-based products have been banned from the school premises.

From this point forward, please do not send your child into school with any nut-based product for a snack or packed lunch – this includes products that may contain traces of nuts. Potential allergens could include the following:

- Spreads, e.g., chocolate spread
- Cereal bars
- Some types of biscuit containing nuts
- Condiments, e.g., satay sauce
- Cakes containing nuts.
- Some snack pots containing nuts.

It is important that you check the labelling of food products before sending your child in to school with them – it is not always apparent that products contain nuts or traces of nuts.

We also ask that, if your child consumes any nut-based product before school, they wash their hands thoroughly and rinse their mouth before entering the school grounds. We understand that these measures may seem extreme; however, we want to ensure the health and safety of all our students, and the student in question's allergy is so severe that even the slightest of contact with nuts would cause a severe and potentially life-threatening reaction.

Further to these provisions, the school will no longer be serving dinners that contain nut-based products – this includes products that are labelled as 'may contain traces of nuts'. We will also ensure all food tables are disinfected before and after being used with antibacterial wipes and cleaning fluid.

Due to the severity of the student's allergy, if any student is found with a nut-based product after this letter has been distributed, the school will have to confiscate and dispose of the item immediately.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Due to the severity of the situation, please can you sign the return form below and send it to the reception no later than Friday 27th January 2023.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this matter.

Kind regards,

Neil Gage
Headteacher



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I understand the terms outlined in this letter and I agree to not send my child into school with nut-based products in their lunch or snacks.

Name of child: _____

Name of parent/carer _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____