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Dear Parent/Carer,

This week, we have had a serious incident where a child with anaphylaxis was exposed to nuts at school during lunch time by another child. Fortunately, our staff acted quickly and no serious harm was done. Given this situation, I felt it was important to remind parents that it is essential that nuts and nut products are not sent into school under any circumstances. These products include but are not limited to; nut chocolate, whole nuts, Nutella and other nut based chocolate spreads, peanut butters and cereal bars containing nuts.

At school we have a strict no nut policy and we will remove these items if we find a child with them. We have a number of children who suffer from anaphylaxis so it is vital that we do not have any nut products on site.

Anaphylaxis is a serious, acute, allergic reaction that can be fatal. It occurs when an allergic person is exposed to their particular allergen (a substance capable of causing an allergic reaction). When the allergen enters the body it triggers the release of chemicals that can lead to life-threatening symptoms.

Please could I urge all parents to consider this risk when preparing food for school or sending children in with snacks. Also, if your child has an allergy we are unaware of, please provide details so that we can keep them safe.

Many thanks for your support in this matter

Yours faithfully

K Titley
Deputy Head Teacher