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Dear Parents/Carers

We now have a child in school who suffers from a **severe** nut allergy. This is a life threatening condition for her as coming into contact with nuts, nut products and even food substances that have traces of nuts in them can cause her to have a reaction and could be fatal.

As a school we have a legal obligation under the Children and Families Act Sep 2014 to provide high quality support for children with medical conditions. Among the things that as a school we are expected to do are:

1. Ensure that Chartwells are aware of an allergic child's requirements
2. Include food-allergic children in school activities. Pupils should not be excluded based on their allergy. School activities should be designed and developed to ensure the inclusion of food allergic pupils
3. Ensure staff receive training

As a school we have worked closely with Chartwells, our lunch providers, and they have ensured that dinners are completely free from nuts and traces and therefore offer no risk. We have also examined our curriculum/ FunClub and have taken steps to ensure that activities are now safe for children with severe nut allergies. Our remaining difficulty is around children who have sandwiches at school. So children with extreme nut allergies can lead a normal life we are requesting that pupils staying for packed lunches do not bring nuts, nut products such as Nutella and peanut butter and items that may have nut traces. Our aim is to reduce the risk caused by such food items to the child concerned. Both school and the parents of the child with the allergy realise that we are asking you a lot to change your shopping habits, but feel that this is the only way that we can reduce the risk to the child concerned.

Parents of the child concerned have written the paragraph below.

We are the parents of the child who has a SEVERE nut allergy diagnosed by the hospital when she was just 6 months old. Over the years our daughter has had numerous reactions resulting in her being hospitalised. It has been very traumatic watching her fight for breath and turn blue. When she has an attack we have to alert emergency services immediately and administer adrenalin. For that reason she can never be separated from her medication. We are asking for you to not send any nuts (including sesame seeds and pine nuts), nut products (including Nutella and peanut butter) or items that may have traces of nuts into school to reduce the risk of her having an anaphylactic shock. We understand that we may be asking you to change the contents of your child's lunch box but we would not ask you to do this unless it was absolutely necessary. We thank you for your cooperation. If you have any further queries please contact school,  
Thank you

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*Ann Alton*

Ann Alton  
Head teacher



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