

Thursday 12th December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Allergy Information

We have an increasing number of pupils in our school who have allergies, which can cause severe reactions and even life-threatening illness. Anaphylaxis (allergic reaction) can occur as a result of digestion, inhalation or any other contact with many foods.

Potential allergens could include the following:

- Nuts
- Dairy
- Soya
- Seafood
- Gluten
- Berries

As a result, we have taken the decision in school to cease all food rewards given to children to safeguard the potential of a serious allergic reaction. **In addition, we would like to ask all parents/carers to be mindful of this when sending in food treats to school to celebrate a child's birthday. All food treats must be individually wrapped to avoid cross-contamination.** These treats will be given out by staff at the classroom door at the end of the school day. However, if your child does have an allergy, please be mindful they may not receive a treat, and school will not be able to replace it.

If your child's class is a **nut-free zone**, it is important that you check the labelling of food products before sending your child into school with them — it is not always apparent that products contain nuts or traces of nuts. If you notice a product containing nuts, please do not send it.

We want to ensure the health and safety of all our pupils, and some of our pupils with the allergy are extreme enough that even the slightest of contact with nuts could cause a severe reaction. Your child's class teacher will be promoting the importance of handwashing if products containing nuts, or traces of nuts, are consumed throughout the day. This includes breakfast and snacks.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this matter.

Miss R Jackson
Head of Academy