



The Dove Federation

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RE: Banning nut-based products from school

Dear Parent/Carer,

Please be aware, we have a pupil that will be attending the school in the Autumn term, who has a severe peanut allergy. The pupil'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 **1st September 2018 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 pupils, and the pupil 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.

To further assist in this matter, we have invested in spare adrenaline auto-injectors (AAI) so that we are prepared in the event of the pupil's AAI failing or if they are not in possession of it at the time of the anaphylactic shock.

Due to the severity of the pupil's allergy, if any pupil 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, as per the 'Confiscation' section of the Positive Behaviour Policy.

We appreciate that this is a big change for all and 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 school office no later than 20th July 2018.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this matter.

Kind regards,

Mark Cresswell
Interim Executive Head Teacher

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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. I understand that, if my child persistently brings nut-based products into school, they will be confiscated in line with the school's Positive Behaviour Policy.

Name of child: _____

Name of parent: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____