



## FAIRLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

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Dear Parents/Carers

### Re: Nut allergy

This year, in school we have students that have severe allergies to peanuts and tree nuts. Due to the severity of these allergies, we would like to take the opportunity to remind parents and carers that we are a **'nut free school'** and children should not be bringing food containing nuts into school for any reason.

With severe nut allergies, the child does not necessarily need to digest the nut; they can suffer a reaction from touching, smelling and inhaling airborne particles. For specific children in our school, this allergy is life threatening and contact could result in anaphylaxis. Therefore, it is essential that staff and children do not bring nut products into the building (including biscuits, cereal bars and chocolates that contain nuts). Staff will be closely monitoring packed lunches; products containing nuts will be removed and a substitute supplied.

Due to the severity of some allergies in school and the difficulty in managing allergies and preferences when children bring treats into school, we have made the decision not to accept birthday treats and we would like to ask parents/children to consider an alternative way to celebrate their birthday in school. A simple suggestion would be, donating a book to your child's class.

We appreciate your support on the above matters.

Many thanks

Mr R Staples  
Headteacher

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Headteacher Mr Robert Staples BA (Hons)