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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Nut allergy reminder

At Fairlands, we have children and staff that have severe allergies to peanuts and tree nuts. 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 four specific children in our school, this allergy is life threatening as contact could result in anaphylaxis.

Due to the severity of these allergies, we would like to take the opportunity to remind parents and carers that we are a **nut aware** school and that we strongly discourage you from sending your child to school with any food products which list nuts or peanuts **in their ingredients**.

Most products carry a warning these days that they 'may contain traces of nuts', even though they do not list nuts in their ingredients. The Anaphylaxis Campaign and the school nurse have advised us that products which carry this warning **can** be brought into school.

We will not be conducting routine searches of children's lunchboxes. However, if we are aware that children have arrived at school with a product which contains nuts in its ingredients, we will ask them to keep it in their lunch box until the end of the school day. We will contact you to let you know this has happened and to discuss the best course of action.

Due to the range of allergies and the severity of some allergies in our school, we ask you to continue to support our decision not to send birthday treats into school with your child. Children are welcomed to celebrate their birthday in school in an alternative way.

We appreciate your support in this matter.

Robert Staples
Headteacher