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Dear families,

There are a number of children and staff in school with serious nut allergies. One of these children is susceptible to airborne traces. If these children come into contact with nuts or products containing nuts, they can suffer life-threatening consequences.

We have taken advice on this matter and as a result the school has adopted a **NO NUTS POLICY with effect from the beginning of next term,** Tuesday 18th April. This has been discussed and agreed by the governors and therefore we require parents NOT TO SEND IN NUT PRODUCTS for children's snacks or in their packed lunches. We will remove any nut products which are found in school.

Examples of the items that we do NOT want children to bring to school either as a snack or in their packed lunch include:

- packs of nuts
- peanut butter sandwiches
- fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- sesame seed products including rolls
- muesli bars
- cakes with nuts in them

In general, on food products there is a section that contains allergy advice. If this says that it 'does contain nuts' or 'may contain peanuts' then we DO NOT allow these products into school. Many product labels say that the product 'may contain nuts' and this tends to be manufacturers being cautious, so these products are allowed to be brought into school.

This change of policy has not been taken lightly. We would ask that all parents adhere to it for the safety of all children. If there are any issues that you feel arise as a result of this policy, please do make an appointment to see Marianne or Tiggy.

We sincerely hope you will cooperate in making life safe for these pupils and staff who have this very serious allergy.

Best wishes,

Marianne Porter Head Teacher







