



THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

'Learning Together For The Future'

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Dear Parent/Carer

ALLERGY AWARENESS

At Ecclesbourne, we take the health and safety of all our students very seriously and at any given time in a school as large as ours there will be a number of students who have severe allergies to specific foods, which can be potentially life threatening. These students cannot eat, and sometimes not even touch, foods or food products containing the allergen that causes them to react.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the steps we, as a school, are taking and offer some advice on the ways in which we can all work together to reduce the risk to students with food allergies. Following these recommendations will make our school safer for our students with allergies as well as those students who may have a reaction in the future.

Below are the steps which the school has put in place:

- All staff are made aware of the risks and procedures for mitigating them at the start of the school year.
- Assemblies are delivered to all year groups on the risks and dangers of food allergens.
- Students who have food allergies who are at risk of anaphylaxis have an individual health care plan and a team of trained first aiders who care for them.
- These students are identified in registers and are known to all staff.
- These students are identified in the catering Parent-pay till system.

Below are some steps that you can take to reduce exposure to food allergens for our affected students. While these precautions are not mandatory, we ask for your assistance in following the recommendations. We know that these may be inconvenient, but we trust that you understand how serious this is.

- Please advise your children not to share food with other children in school.
- Please try to avoid sending your child to school or after-school activities with peanuts, tree nuts, peanut butter or foods made with nuts or pre-packaged food with a printed warning label ("may contain peanuts/tree nuts").
- If your child has eaten any nuts prior to going to school in the morning, please make sure that his/her hands are washed with soap and water. Water alone or hand sanitizers are not sufficient to remove nut residue.

Thank you very much for your understanding and consideration in helping us reduce the risk of allergic reactions occurring in school and keeping all students safe within our school.

Yours sincerely

Rob Nicoll
Deputy Head Teacher