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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you may be aware there are an increasing number of children who have developed severe allergic reactions to a certain foods and insect stings.

In your child's class there are students who have been medically diagnosed as having anaphylaxis which can be severe, rapidly progressive allergic reactions, that can be life threatening.

We want to provide a safe and supportive environment in which all students at risk can participate in all aspects of schooling. We also want to reduce the anxieties for these students and their families by educating our community about the dangers certain food products brought to school pose.

Foods to be aware of include peanuts, tree nuts (hazelnuts, cashews and almonds) eggs, cow's milk, wheat and soy. Other common allergens are insect stings, latex, medications and anaesthesia.

In a school setting cross contamination from one child to another during eating time is of concern. This contamination could be the result of food wrappings, crumbs, and spills, be airborne or through children sharing equipment within the classroom environment.

We appreciate your understanding and hope you will support the children who are affected by this condition.

The children dealing with these allergies will feel supported knowing that other children are not bringing in particular, peanut and other nut based spreads and products to school.

Should you require further information regarding allergies please refer to the following websites:

www.allergy.org.au

www.education.vic.gov.au/healthwellbeing/health/anaphylaxis.htm

Thank you for your support.

Susan Lee

Principal
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