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Dear Parents/Carers

At Forest and Sandridge School we strive to provide a safe learning environment for all pupils. Due to some of our pupils suffering with life threatening nut and egg allergies, we are a **NUT and EGG FREE SCHOOL**.

An allergic reaction (anaphylactic shock) can occur through ingestion of nut or egg products, cross contamination and breathing nut dust in the air.

Since this condition can be life threatening for a few pupils at our school, we are asking all members of the school community for their help in minimising the risk to these children by:

- a) Avoiding giving children nuts or nut products and egg or egg products in their packed lunches
- b) Avoiding giving nuts or nut products and egg or egg products or snacks/bars containing nuts for break time snacks
- c) Avoiding supplying the school or Forest Friends with cakes or food items containing nuts for birthday celebrations, sales or events
- d) Avoiding sending containers such as cereal boxes for DT/Art lessons into school which may have contained produce made with nuts.

We do acknowledge that many foods are labelled as 'may have been produced in a factory handling nut and cannot be guaranteed to be nut free'. Such items will be allowed in school as it would be unreasonable to expect these to be kept out of school. This is the same for food items where eggs are part of the recipe and are cooked, such as cakes.

Please note where a member of staff notices a pupil eating a nut or egg product, the product will be removed politely and the member of staff will explain why this has to be done. A message will then be sent to the parent to explain what has happened so they are fully informed and to remind them of the Allergies policy.

Due to the severity of the problem, it is important that all parents carry out the suggested measures and reduce the risk of allergic reaction to these children.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation and support regarding this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Chappell
Assistant Principal & SENCO