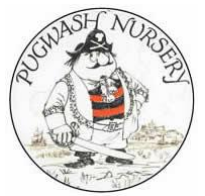




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Dear Parents

At Rye Primary we strive to provide a safe learning environment for all students. Due to some of our pupils suffering with life threatening nut allergies, we have made the decision to make our environment a NUT FREE ZONE.

An allergic reaction (anaphylactic shock) can occur through ingestion of nut products, cross contamination and breathing nut dust in the air. An Allergies policy has been written, which can be read on the school website: [www.ryeprimary.co.uk](http://www.ryeprimary.co.uk).

Since this condition can be life threatening, 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 in their packed lunches.
- b) Avoiding giving nuts or nut products or snacks/bars containing nuts for break time snacks.
- c) Avoiding supplying the school 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 in our Allergies policy that many foods are labelled as 'may have been produced in a factory handling nuts 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.

Please note where a member of staff notices a pupil eating a nut 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 realise this is a significant change in school policy but we have given the matter a lot of thought and we need to ensure that the school takes all reasonable steps to keep all of its pupils safe.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation and support regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely

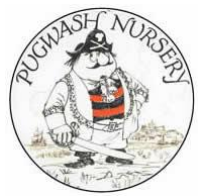
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