



# Waterbeach Community Primary School

*Learning - Laughter - Friendship*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

At Waterbeach Community Primary School we strive to provide a safe learning environment for all our students. Due to some of our pupils suffering with severe nut allergies, we are therefore a NUT AWARE SCHOOL.

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

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/nut products or snacks/bars containing nuts in their packed lunches
- b) Avoiding giving nuts/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 acknowledge 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 reminded.

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 me.

Yours sincerely

Jane Green  
**Headteacher**



*Our school will encourage each child to grow into a happy, confident individual, thriving in a supportive community where each is inspired to learn and discover through a kaleidoscope of opportunities, with space to imagine and to create.*