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Dear Parents and Carers of Children in Years R - 6

I am writing to inform you that we currently have children attending this school who have **food allergies** and in particular allergies to **nuts** and **kiwi fruit**; we also have a parent who will have a severe reaction to **strawberries**.

As you are aware, these allergies can be potentially fatal if not attended to and treated as soon as possible and we in school regard this with the highest priority.

Key and additional staff who **support** these children are trained to instantly respond to any harm to the children if they encounter or are at risk from any foods that they are allergic to, with all other staff at the school being made aware of the child's identity and condition. Children in the child's class are also made aware of the potential danger to the child and are asked to tell a member of staff if they have concerns.

In view of this, as a school we'll endeavour to ensure that children with nut allergies, or indeed with any other food allergies, are fully supported by not knowingly introducing these products into our school life to minimise risks to the children. We ask that you join us by supporting us in these actions to help us to keep our children and families safe by not sending your child to school with packed lunches, or giving before or after school snacks containing **nuts** eg, **peanut butter**, **nutella** etc, or **kiwi fruit** and **strawberries**.

All the children have been informed about this action in a recent assembly, and are also aware of the potential dangers to children and families in our school who have food allergies.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need further information about the content of this letter, where I'll be more than happy to answer any concerns or queries you may have.

Thank you for your continued support, co-operation and understanding.

Yours sincerely

M. Elsen
Headteacher

