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Dear Parent/Carer

Severe Peach Allergy

As you are aware we are a nut free school. We have a new member of staff who has a severe peach allergy. Anaphylaxis (allergic reaction) can occur as a result of **inhalation, digestion, or any other contact** with peaches or peach-based products. For their safety, all peach based products will have to be banned from the school premises with immediate effect.

From this point forward, please do not send your child into school with any peach products for packed lunch or for a special birthday treat– this includes products that may contain traces of peach.

Potential allergens could include the following:

- Fresh or dried peaches
- Peach yoghurt
- Cereal bars containing peach
- Some types of biscuit containing peach
- Cakes containing peach
- Some fruit salad snack pots containing peach

It is important that you check the labelling of food products before sending your child into school with them – it is not always apparent that products contain peach.

We also ask that, if your child consumes any peach before school, they wash their hands thoroughly and rinse their mouth before entering the school grounds. We understand that these measures may seem extreme; however, we want to ensure the health and safety of all our pupils and staff. The allergies are severe enough that even the slightest of contact with peach could cause a severe and potentially life-threatening reaction.

Due to the severity of the allergies, if any pupil is found with a peach or product containing peach after this letter has been distributed, the school will confiscate it and contact parents straight away.

If children require snacks at break-time, these ***should only be fresh or dried fruit (no peach)***. Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 pupils will continue to be provided with a piece of fruit, daily.

Please remember we are also a nut free school.

We appreciate that this is a big change for all and apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Yours sincerely

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