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Dear Parents

An important request from school

I am writing to ask for your co-operation in making Outwoods Edge Primary School a nut-free school.

Whilst we have had children with nut allergies in school for some years, and have always run a nut free kitchen, this has become a more serious issue this term. Several of the children starting at the school have an allergy to nuts, including one child in particular whose allergy is severe and life threatening. If he comes into contact with nuts of any kind he suffers from an anaphylactic shock, which can be fatal.

We have therefore decided that the school must become a nut-free environment, and we need your help to achieve this. **Please don't send any food item that contains nuts to school, either as a snack, as a birthday treat or in your child's lunchbox.** This includes items such as cereal bars if they contain nuts.

I realise this may be another thing to think about on those busy school mornings, but I would ask you to take this seriously. We all have a responsibility to ensure that children are safe at school.

If you have any questions or concerns about this, please come and talk to us about it, either to your child's teacher or to the school office.

Yours sincerely

Mark Maksymiw
Headteacher