



Venerable Bede Church of England Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Nut Aware School

At Venerable Bede C of E Academy we strive to provide a safe learning environment for all students. Due to some of our staff and pupils suffering with life threatening nut allergies, we are 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 those affected by:

- Refraining from giving children nuts or nut products in their packed lunches
- Refraining from giving nuts or nut products, snacks/bars containing nuts for break time (**examples of these are Kinder Bueno, Kinder Hippo, Nut Lion Bars and M&Ms but not limited to these products**).
 - Please remind your child not to purchase these products on the way to school.

We do 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 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. The product will then be disposed of off-site.

Due to the severity of the problem, it is important that all parents/carers support school by carrying out the above measures to reduce the risk of a serious allergic reaction to our pupils and staff.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Holt

Assistant Headteacher and SENDCo



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