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NUT ALLERGY ADVISORY TO PARENTS

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Dear Parents /Guardians,

It has come to our attention that a small number of children in our classes can have an allergic reaction to peanuts/nuts and such products. This allergic reaction (anaphylactic shock) can occur through ingestion of peanut / nut products, cross contamination and breathing peanuts in the air or even touching a surface where nut products were recently placed

Since this condition can be life threatening, we are requesting your support and co-operation in minimising the risk to these children as much as possible by:-

- a) Avoiding altogether giving your child peanuts in school snacks
- b) Avoiding altogether giving your child peanut butter sandwiches, other spreads containing nuts such as Nutella and snacks / bars containing nuts or labels "may contain nut traces" in school snacks.
- c) Asking children **not** to share their school snacks under any circumstances with anyone else no matter the reason.
- d) Avoiding altogether sending in "food gifts" to the class teacher that can innocently occur at times of celebrations. We cannot know the ingredients involved and cannot undertake "duty of care" for any child's reaction to a product introduced in class at random without parental/school consent.

Due to the serious risks involved, it is important that all parents support and co-operate with the recommended measures and minimise the possibility of an allergic reaction for these children.

I have also linked with "The Lunch Bag" company and been assured that their lunch products come with 100% nut free guarantee and their food preparation areas maintain a nut free approach.

Your active support and co-operation with this measure will transfer to easing the daily stress for the parents and staff involved in ensuring that these children's welfare is prioritised and that all concerned can get along with their day without undue anxiety in relation to this matter whilst on campus.

We thank you earnestly for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

Clíodhna O'Bric.

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Principal