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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have several children at our school that have severe nut and sesame seed allergies. People who suffer from nut/sesame allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. If someone has a nut/sesame allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts/sesame or a product containing nuts/sesame can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties).

First aid staff in the school are trained to use the Epi-pens (an injection of adrenalin) which is required immediately if this happens.

We **cannot** have nuts or sesame seeds in school in any form. So please can we ask that you have no nut/sesame products in the lunch boxes or brought into the school as treats.

For example:

- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Chocolate spreads
- Cereal bars
- Some granola bars
- Cakes that contain nuts/sesame
- Biscuits / Cookies that contain nuts/sesame
- Peanut butter cakes
- Some Asian food, including satay
- Sauces that contain nuts/sesame

This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely. We appreciate that this is an additional thing to check and we know that you recognise the importance of it. We do have to insist we are a nut/sesame free school. I know if this was your child you would expect that we all help, especially as it is a life-threatening condition.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

Yours sincerely

Miss Newton
Headteacher

