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Dear Parents / Carers

Banning nut based products from school.

From the Autumn term we have taken the decision to make Scientia Academy a nut free school site, this is due to the increase in pupils who have severe nut allergies. The pupil's anaphylaxis (allergic reaction) can occur as a result of digestion, inhalation or any other contact with nut based products. For their safety, all nut based products have been banned from the school premises.

From this point forward, please do not send your child into school with any nut based product for a snack or in their packed lunch – this includes products that may contain traces of nuts.

Here is a list of potential products that are likely to have or contain nuts:

- Spreads – chocolate spread or peanut butter spread
- Fruit and Cereal bars
- Some types of biscuits containing nuts
- Condiments – satay sauce
- Cakes containing nuts
- Some snack pots containing nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets containing nuts

It is vitally important that you check the labelling of food products before sending your child in to school with them. It is not always apparent that products contain nuts or traces of nuts.

We also ask that, if your child consumes any nut based products 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.

Further to these provisions, the school will no longer be serving dinners that contain nut based products – this includes products that are labelled as 'may contain traces of nuts'. We will also ensure all food tables are disinfected before and after being used with the appropriate cleaning products.

If any pupil is found with a nut based product after this letter has been distributed, the school will have to remove and dispose of the item immediately.

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

Thank you in advance for your co operation in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Helen Bye
Headteacher