

# Woodcroft Primary School



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Dear Parents/carers,

We have children in school that have life threatening nut allergies. ***Therefore we are now a nut aware School.*** A serious allergic reaction (anaphylactic shock) can occur through ingestion of nut products, cross contamination and breathing nut dust in the air.

Due to this we are asking all members of the school community for their help in minimising the risk to these children by:

- Avoiding giving children nuts or nut products in their packed lunches
- Avoiding giving nuts or nut products or snacks/bars containing nuts for break time snacks
- Avoiding supplying the School with cakes or food items containing nuts for birthday celebrations, sales of events (for example Summer Fair or class fundraising cake sales)
- Avoiding sending containers such as cereal boxes for junk modelling into school which may have contained produce made with nuts

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 in school as it would be unreasonable to expect these to be kept out of school.

Please note that where a member of staff notices a pupil eating a nut product, the product will be removed and the child will be told why this has been done. A member of staff will then phone the parent to explain what has happened so they are fully aware and will be politely reminded not to send nut or nut products into school.

Due to the serious nature of such an allergy, it is important that **all parents and carers** carry out these measures to reduce the risk of an allergic reaction to these children. This change has been adopted by the Governors so that the school takes all reasonable steps to keep all of its pupils safe.

Thank you for your support in this matter,

Yours sincerely,

Mr Fanning  
Headteacher