

8th September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

ALLERGIES IN SCHOOL

Please be aware that we have a number of children in school with allergies, including several with life threatening anaphylactic reactions to specific items such as fish, dairy (milk, cheese, butter, cream, chocolate) and eggs. Eating or even touching these items can cause a reaction.

There are detailed individual health care plans in place for these children to ensure that they do not come in contact with anything which they are allergic to. Usually this risk can be reduced fairly simply by individual children avoiding contact with things that they are allergic to and school staff (including the catering team) being aware and ensuring that they are not given anything which contains an allergen. It is as part of this risk reduction that peanuts are not allowed in school.

However, given the life threatening level of the allergies that some of our children have to a very wide range of foods which cannot easily be avoided (eg dairy and eggs) and to reduce the risk of accidental contact further, we will be encouraging all children to wash their hands after eating lunch as well as before. In Reception and Key Stage 1 this will also include children washing their hands after drinking milk at snack time.

Please advise us immediately if your child has an allergy which you have not previously told us about so that we can take appropriate measures to support them too.

Best Wishes

Mrs Jennifer Keber

Executive SENDCO, on behalf of The Diamond Learning Partnership Trust