



Venerable Bede Church of England Academy

Northern Lights Learning Trust



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Nut Aware School

At Venerable Bede CE Academy we strive to provide the safest learning environment we can for our school community. Due to some of our staff and pupils suffering with life threatening nut allergies, we are a **NUT AWARE SCHOOL**. An allergic reaction (anaphylactic shock) can occur through ingestion of nut products, cross contamination or breathing nut dust in the air. Since this condition can be life threatening, we are asking all members of the school community for their help in minimising the risk to those affected by:

- Please do not give children nuts or nut products in their packed lunches
- Please do not give nuts, nut products or snacks/bars containing nuts for break time (some examples of these include Kinder Bueno, Kinder Hippo, Nut Lion Bars and M&Ms but not limited to these products).
- Please also remind your child not to purchase these products on the way to school

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, where a member of staff notices a pupil eating a nut product, the product will be removed politely, and the member of staff will explain why this has to be done. The product will then be disposed of off-site.

Due to the severity of the problem, it is important that all parents/carers support school by carrying out the above measures to reduce the risk of a serious allergic reaction to our pupils and staff.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs T Burgess
Head of School



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