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Dear Parents and Carers,

Allergy Awareness Policy

The safety and wellbeing of every child in our school remains our highest priority. We are writing to remind families of our commitment to maintaining a safe environment for pupils with severe allergies and to inform you of recent developments in allergy safety guidance for schools.

The Department for Education has introduced new statutory guidance on **allergy safety in schools**, which came into effect from September 2026. This guidance requires schools to have robust allergy management procedures in place, including staff training, allergy policies, individual healthcare plans, and emergency response arrangements for pupils at risk of anaphylaxis. **In support of this, we are now a KITT Medical School.**

As part of our efforts to protect children with life-threatening nut allergies, **we aim to have no nuts across the school.** While we cannot guarantee that our environment is completely free from nuts, we ask all families to avoid sending any foods containing nuts, including:

- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Nut-containing cereal bars
- Chocolate spreads containing nuts
- Cakes, biscuits or snacks containing nuts
- Mixed nuts and nut products

We also ask that parents carefully check ingredient labels before sending food into school, as some products may contain nuts or be produced in environments where nuts are handled.

This policy helps to reduce the risk of accidental exposure for children whose allergies can cause severe and potentially life-threatening reactions. We appreciate that this may require extra care when preparing packed lunches and snacks, and we are grateful for your support and understanding.

Our staff receive allergy awareness training and follow established procedures to support children with allergies. We work closely with families and healthcare professionals to ensure that appropriate measures are in place for any child with a diagnosed allergy.

If your child has a food allergy, medical condition, or dietary requirement that we should be aware of, please ensure the school office has up-to-date information and any relevant medical documentation.

By working together, we can create a safer and more inclusive environment for all our children.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Kate Blythe - Headteacher