

ATTENTION PARENTS **An Important notice:**

Thursday 6th February 2014

Dear Parents,

Amsleigh Park Primary School has a number of students with a range of **food allergies** and therefore at risk of **experiencing an anaphylactic reaction**. In order to effectively manage this risk we need the full support of the whole school community.

Anaphylaxis is a severe, rapidly progressive allergic reaction that is potentially life threatening. All schools are bound by the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* and expected to follow a set policy in relation to anaphylaxis management. Under this 'Act' all teaching staff are expected to be trained in managing an anaphylactic reaction using an Epi-pen and the school must have a clearly documented policy and process for responding to an emergency concerning anaphylaxis.

At Amsleigh Park we have a number of students who are severely allergic to nuts and nut products.

To support our management policy we kindly ask you not to send your child to school with any peanut or tree nut products; particularly peanut butter, Nutella or any kind of nuts to nibble on. We understand this may be a small inconvenience but the safety and wellbeing of all students is our utmost priority.

Our Anaphylaxis Management Policy also states that children should not share food at school, other than when a request has been made by the school, e.g. Class Party. It would be great if you could discuss this with your children at home.

Please bear in mind that some children can experience a reaction by simply coming into contact with nuts or nut based products via touch or breath so there are no possible exceptions to this request.

All children in all classes are expected to adhere to this request, which also includes any adults or younger children who come onto school premises at any time.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at school directly on 9544 1553.

Thank you,

Michael Cormick
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