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Dear parent/s,

We have an allergen avoidance policy, which is designed to reduce the risk of inadvertent exposure as far as practicably possible; it is never possible to achieve a completely allergen-free environment that is open to the general community. Beaumaris Primary School strives to be an 'Allergy Aware' school and continues to be proactive to reduce risks. This means that we strongly discourage foods that cause severe allergic reactions (eggs and nut related products) and implement a range of measures to reduce the risk of a student being exposed to a potentially life threatening situation.

As it is possible that an initial episode could occur unexpectedly in a student not previously diagnosed as having an allergy, our staff have received anaphylaxis training and we have a number of measures in place to support our students. While we make every effort to reduce risks, unfortunately it is not possible to eliminate risks. The school adopts a range of risk minimization strategies to reduce the risk of exposure to known allergens. Not sharing food, **discouraging** 'danger foods' such as peanut butter sandwiches and regular washing of hands are just a few of the strategies we have in place to provide a safe and supportive environment in which students at risk of anaphylaxis can participate equally in all aspects of their schooling.

Regards,

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Learning Support Coordinator

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