



INFORMATION ABOUT CHILDREN WHO SUFFER FROM ANAPHYLAXIS

I would like to take this opportunity to inform parents that some students in Reception and other grades in the school have a life-threatening allergy (**anaphylaxis**) to a range of foods. However, please do not see this as a cause for alarm. It is an attempt to inform you of these children's situation so that as much support, as is needed, can be given to them and their families. These children have learned to cope very well to date and their parents have made every effort to assist them in the management of this allergy.

At Star of the Sea we are an Allergy Aware School and therefore in relation to nut allergies, a '**nut free**' environment is the best way to prevent an anaphylactic reaction. In our attempt to achieve this, **I AM REQUESTING THE SUPPORT OF ALL PARENTS TO HELP BY KEEPING YOUR CHILD'S SNACK/LUNCH 'NUT FREE'**. This would include **omitting products such as peanut butter and nutella/hazelnut spread, as well as the 'hidden' nut traces in products such as muesli bars, fruit bars, honey crackles made with crunchy nut cornflakes and muffins**. Obviously, it is most important that the children who suffer from anaphylactic reactions do not come in contact with any food whatsoever which could trigger an anaphylactic reaction.

I realise that this may impose an inconvenience for you when packing your children's food for school, but, at the same time, I know you will appreciate the seriousness of this situation. Our concern is for the safety and well-being of all children.

In case of an emergency the child's Action Plan will be followed and parents will be contacted immediately.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or me if you have any concerns or need any further information. I have also included a leaflet about anaphylaxis and hope you will find this informative and helpful.

We would greatly appreciate your co-operation regarding this matter and wish to thank you for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Weeks
Principal