



Dear Parents

**Re: Anaphylaxis – Acute Allergic Reactions**

Anaphylaxis is an acute allergic reaction to a number of substances and agents including many foodstuffs. Peanuts are one of the best-known agents causing such a reaction, but there are other things that can cause similar reactions, including bee and wasp stings.

School staff need to be aware of the problems of individual children who are at risk. We have a number of children listed whose parents have indicated they have a nut allergy. If any child in school has a serious nut (or any other) allergy, it is parents responsibility to arrange for their child to have an ‘Epipen’ or similar in school. This is available on prescription from their doctor. Whilst school staff have a general duty for the care and health of pupils, this does not extend to the administration of medicines and staff are at liberty to decline to undertake this if they so wish. Staff will therefore only administer medicines to children suffering from anaphylactic reactions if (a) they have volunteered to do so and (b) they have been trained in the administration of the relevant treatment. In the absence of trained volunteers, we will need to rely on the ambulance service for emergency assistance.

Although it is best for the children to administer any treatment themselves, we do have two members of staff who have been trained to administer the Epipen in the case of an emergency.

To keep your child’s records up to date, please complete the slip below even if your child has no allergic reactions.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Helen Brambani  
Headteacher

*[Signature]* .....

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**Child..... Class:**

As far as I know, my child does not suffer any allergies

My child has an allergic reaction to *(Please state) below:*

The severity of their allergy is *(please circle the relevant number – 1 being the mildest reaction and 10 being the severest reaction)*

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**I understand it is my responsibility to get any medication my child may need and that school staff administer medicine on a voluntary basis**

Please see your child’s teacher or Mrs Brambani, if you wish to discuss this further. If your child has a severe reaction we will contact you to decide what support and action we can take together, to keep your child safe.

Signed ..... Date:  
Parent / Guardian

**PLEASE HAND THIS FORM TO THE SCHOOL SECRETARY FOR MY CHILD’S FILE.**