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Important Information for Reception Parents and Carers

Dear Reception Parents and Carers

I am writing to make you aware of an important health and safety measure that we will be putting in place across both Reception classes from the start of the new school year.

One of the children joining Reception this year has a severe allergy to milk, nuts and eggs. Exposure to an allergen can potentially cause anaphylaxis, which is a severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reaction requiring immediate emergency treatment.

As a school, the safety and wellbeing of every child must always be our highest priority. We will therefore be taking a number of reasonable precautions to reduce the risk of accidental exposure.

Milk in Reception

From tomorrow, we will not be offering or serving children's milk within either Reception classroom during the school day.

We appreciate that many of our Reception children enjoy having their milk during the day and understand that this is a change to our usual arrangements. However, given the severity of the allergy, I believe that reducing the presence of milk within the Reception environment is a sensible and proportionate step to help keep all of our children safe.

Children who are entitled to or have ordered school milk will still be able to receive their milk. It can be collected from the school office at the end of the school day to take home.

Keeping Our Reception Children Safe

While the school will take all reasonable steps to minimise the risk of exposure, it is important to recognise that it is not possible for any school environment to guarantee that it will be completely allergen-free. Allergens can sometimes be transferred unintentionally through hands, clothing, belongings, surfaces or food packaging.

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We will therefore work closely with our children, families and staff to reduce the risks as far as reasonably possible. This will include reinforcing good handwashing and hygiene routines, carefully managing food within Reception and ensuring that relevant staff understand the child's individual healthcare and emergency arrangements.

Anaphylaxis can develop very quickly, and this is why seemingly small precautions can make a significant difference to the safety of a child with a severe allergy.

I appreciate that changing the arrangements for milk affects all of our Reception children. However, when balancing convenience against the potential risk to a child's health, the safety of our children must come first.

Thank you in advance for your understanding, cooperation and support. By working together, we can ensure that Reception remains a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment for every child.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new Reception children and families tomorrow and to the exciting year ahead.

Kind regards.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'C Hamilton', written in a cursive style.

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