

Dear parents/carers,

At Oasis Blakenhale we want to make sure our pupils with allergies feel safe at school. So, we're asking everyone in our school community to do their bit to become allergen aware.

Please look at the enclosed factsheet from The Allergy Team, to find out more about allergies.

Why is this important?

At our school we have pupils with a range of allergies including:

- Dust allergy.
- Dairy/wheat intolerance.
- Nut allergy – airborne and smell.

These pupils are at risk of serious harm if they have an allergic reaction, so we ask that everyone does what they can to help us keep them safe.

How can you help?

Let us know if your child has an allergy.

Talk to your child about allergies and the importance of:

- **Do not send in with your child any form of Nuts or food products with nut items in them.**
- Taking allergies seriously.
- Washing their hands before eating.
- Not sharing food with their friends.
- Being supportive of their friends who have allergies (being an allergy ally).
- Label your child's water bottle and lunch box with their name, to avoid any confusion.
- Avoid sending in food that contains **nuts** for your child's packed lunch or snack.

When sending in food for your child to share with their friends:

- Include a full list of ingredients.
- Let us know if there has been any risk of contamination with an allergen.
- Let us know in advance so that we can warn any parents of pupils with allergies.

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When inviting your child's friends over for a playdate or party, talk to their parents or carers about their allergies and think about how you can accommodate their needs. Try your best to exclude the allergen, not the child.

If you have any questions or concerns about allergies, please get in touch with the school office and one of our team will help and give you any guidance.

Best wishes,

Mr P. Hunt
Head of School

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