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Dear Parents,

You've all read the headlines and seen the news stories: food allergies are a growing concern in schools across the UK. Millions of children - children who are perfectly healthy and normal in every other way – must watch every single bite they eat, or risk suffering a severe or even life threatening reaction. In fact, food allergies claim an estimated 150 lives and are responsible for more than 125,000 hospital visits each year. A major health issue such as this must be taken very seriously, and it has always been the policy of this school to make the safety and well-being of our students our top priority.

- **Whole School** - Birthday parties are a special time for children, but can be a difficult time for the food-allergic child. If you would like to send in baked goods or sweets, please be careful about the ingredients. Please list the ingredients on the outside of the package and when preparing “treats” please pay close attention to cross contamination in your kitchen. To prevent cross-contamination, it is necessary that cooking utensils and preparation surfaces be carefully washed after each food is touched. It would be especially helpful if you could let your child's teacher know a few days ahead of when you'd like to celebrate your child's birthday, so that the food-allergic child can provide his/her own safe treat.
- **Whole School** - We will try to keep the food at holiday parties to a minimum. As with birthday parties, we must be extremely careful about the ingredients in all of the food items. Please ensure you check with your child's teacher whether there are any food allergies that need to be considered before sending any goodies into school.
- **Zebra Class** - Please do not allow your child to bring in opened food or be eating food as they arrive at school, this may seem rather severe but it is necessary to ensure we do not put any child in danger.

This is a learning process for all of us, but we trust that you understand how deeply important it is to respect and adhere to these guidelines. If throughout the course of the year you have any questions or concerns about food-allergy-related issues, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Rodgers.

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