

Interim Headteacher: Mr Andrew Hayes

Wednesday 17th April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Strawberry Allergy - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you about an important matter regarding the health and safety of one of our pupils at Parkland Primary School.

We have recently become aware of a change in circumstances for one of our pupils who has a severe strawberry allergy, in which there have been several reactions in school. This has resulted in the pupil being given an epi-pen, as his allergy is life threatening.

It is important to note that this pupil does not have to have eaten a strawberry to have a reaction, simply be in an area where strawberries have been present. As a result, we have made adjustments within the school to ensure that the pupil is supported in dealing with this allergy. We have also removed all products from the school dinner menu that contain strawberries.

To support our efforts in keeping this pupil safe, I kindly ask for your cooperation in making adjustments to the snacks and lunches you provide for your child. Please refrain from including any strawberries in your child's packed lunch or snacks for example strawberry yoghurts, strawberry jam or fresh strawberries. This small adjustment will go a long way in helping us create a safe environment for all our students. As you can imagine, this has been a traumatic experience for the pupil and family.

If a pupil does bring strawberry items into school, they will not be allowed to eat them.

I would like to thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of the school staff.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Hayes

Interim Headteacher

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