

Dear parent/carer

Nuts on Academy premises

You may be aware from several recent cases reported in the media that severe allergies can cause serious complications for some individuals, ranging from rashes and itching to anaphylactic shock, and in the most serious of cases, death.

Our priority at North Kesteven Academy is to ensure that all our students and staff are safe and healthy, and that we have as far as possible removed all serious hazards from the Academy site. We have a number of staff and students with severe allergies, and we are for the most part able to manage these conditions in school by information and education, and by minimising as far as we can any exposure to allergens. However accidental exposure can occur and we have a team of qualified first aiders who are all trained to recognise and treat severe allergic reactions until medically qualified help arrives.

Although we cannot remove all risk in relation to allergic reactions, we can take reasonable steps to protect those we know are at risk. We are aware of several students and staff who have a potentially serious allergy to nuts that can be triggered not only by ingesting nuts, but by close proximity to them. For this reason, and following careful risk assessment, **nuts of any description will not be allowed on the Academy site from 1st September 2019**. Please note that this applies to our whole site, including the sixth form areas.

We will be conducting sessions in tutor groups with students to inform them of the dangers of severe allergies and the importance of protecting themselves and others. We would very much appreciate it if you would also speak to your child and ensure that nuts are not included in any packed lunches or snacks at school.

Many thanks and kind regards,

Mr J Tunnicliffe
Headteacher