

# Bude Primary Academy

## Head of School – Mr James Pritchard

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

### **NUT-FREE SCHOOL**

At Bude Junior School we strive to provide a safe learning environment for all pupils. Due to some of our pupils suffering with life threatening nut allergies, we intend to become a NUT-FREE SCHOOL, with immediate effect.

An allergic reaction (anaphylactic shock) can occur through ingestion of nut products, cross contamination and breathing nut dust in the air. Since this condition can be life threatening, we are asking all members of our school community for their help in minimising the risk to these children by:

- a) Avoiding giving children nuts or nut products in their packed lunches
- b) Avoiding giving nuts or nut products or snacks/bars containing nuts for break time snacks
- c) Avoiding supplying the school with cakes or food items containing nuts for birthday celebrations, sales or events

We do acknowledge that many foods are labelled as 'may have been produced in a factory handling nuts and cannot be guaranteed to be nut free'. Such items will be allowed in school as it would be unreasonable to expect these to be kept out of school.

Due to the severity of the problem, it is important that all parents carry out the suggested measures and reduce the risk of allergic reaction to these children. I realise this is a significant change in school policy but it has been introduced so that the school can take all reasonable steps to keep all of its pupils safe. I know if this was your child you would expect that we all do what we can to help, especially as it is a life-threatening condition.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation and support regarding this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact school.

Kind Regards,

James Pritchard

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