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Dear Parents/Guardians;

As a school community we recognize the dangers faced by students with severe allergic or anaphylactic reactions. While as a school we cannot guarantee an *allergen-free* environment, we will take reasonable steps to ensure an *allergy safe* or *allergy aware* environment for these students. Our goal is to maintain a safe and appropriate learning environment for all students.

Within our school community there are several students who have a potentially life-threatening allergy (anaphylaxis) to foods, predominantly to peanuts and tree nuts (e.g. almond, cashew, hazelnut, pistachio).

We feel the best way to reduce the risk of accidental exposure to these students is to build strategies in our students with allergies and also **respectfully** ask for the co-operation of the parents/guardians within this school community to:

- A. Avoid sending peanut butter or products with peanuts listed in the ingredients as much as possible (e.g. nutella).
- B. Talk to your children about being aware of where they are eating, who they are eating beside and cleaning and sanitizing the area after.

Your cooperation and understanding of this matter is appreciated. We are trying to create a safe and caring environment for all our students. If there are any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the office.

God Bless,

Mme Erika Pottage
Principal

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Vice Principal