

Name Class

10th October 2023

Dear Family

Luton Borough Council have recently informed us about a child in another Luton school who tragically passed away due to anaphylactic shock after eating chocolate given in school. Luton Borough Council are asking schools to be very aware of this and to take steps to keep all pupils safe.

Our school kitchen is nut free and the kitchen manager has an extremely robust set of procedures to ensure that children with food allergies are monitored and not given any foods that they are allergic to.

We have an increasing number of pupils who have allergies ranging from dairy, gluten, nut and types of fruit.

Children who bring packed lunches should not have any Nutella, peanut butter or any other nut products in their lunchboxes.

Sometimes, children bring in sweets to share with the class when it is their birthday, which is a kind thing to do. However, we are now asking parents **not** to send chocolates and sweets into school so that we can ensure that children with allergies are not exposed to any food that they may be allergic to. Although staff know which children have allergies, sometimes children swap sweets and this could cause an allergic reaction.

In other local schools, who have also made this decision, parents have been advised that small stationery items, (pencils, rubbers, stickers) could be an alternative, however, I am mindful of the costs to parents.

I know this is a change which some parents will feel sad about, but I am sure, like our staff at school, you will understand the reasons behind this request and support us in keeping all our children safe.

Thank you for your support with this.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Adams
Headteacher