Dear Parents,

From time to time we have children at our centre who have a severe allergy to peanuts and peanut products. For these children, contact with these products can cause a potentially life threatening reaction. We are therefore seeking your assistance, in minimising the risk of exposure of these children, to these products, within the Preschool.

We are asking that you avoid giving your child peanut based products or products containing nuts whilst they are at Preschool and that you ensure that any food sent to the preschool for pooled lunches etc also is free from these products. Any child of Preschool age should not, for safety reasons, eat peanuts or other nuts, so we ask that these not be sent to Preschool either. (It is actually recommended that children under the age of 9yrs not eat nuts due to the risk of inhalation/choking)

We have in the past discouraged 'sharing' of food but will now make it a rule that children not 'share' other children's food. We will continue to supervise the children while they are eating, but you might like to discuss with your child the importance of this 'rule'.

Thankyou for your cooperation in this matter, we realise that this may cause a degree of inconvenience for some people but feel that the seriousness of the matter and the importance of keeping all our children safe outweigh any concerns.

Should you wish to discuss this request or should you have any questions please don’t hesitate to talk to Cathy, Jess, Julie, Sheralee, or myself.

Thankyou

Sandy Keith