



Mount Douglas Secondary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We would like you to be aware of students in our school who have a significant medical concern.

These students have a severe life-threatening allergy (anaphylaxis) to peanuts. If they eat or touch peanuts, she/he may have a reaction. Even tiny amounts of the allergen can lead to death.

To avoid such an emergency, we are asking for your cooperation. We hope to achieve a balance between the right of all students to eat what they like and the right to safety of the students with anaphylaxis.

Since we cannot guarantee an "allergen-free" environment, we hope to develop an "allergen-aware" school. For safety, the following precautions will be taken:

- Discourage children from sharing food, knives, forks, spoons, cups or straws.
- Encourage students to wash hands before and after eating.
- Provide safe eating areas.
- If your child must bring peanuts to school please ask her/him to inform their subject teachers.

Please encourage your child to support our efforts to make classrooms as safe as possible for the students with life-threatening allergies.

All school staff are aware of the situation and have been instructed in procedures necessary in the event of an anaphylactic reaction.

Ensuring the well-being of all children in the school setting requires the cooperation of the entire school community. If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact me at school.

Sincerely,

Shawn Boulding
Principal