



EASTERN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friends Together, Learn Forever

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IMPORTANT

Dear parents / carers

In September we have a 5 year old pupil entering full time education who has severe allergies. She is allergic to dairy products and soya but she will go into immediate anaphylactic shock if there is any contact with eggs.

This has a big impact in school and I am asking for all your support for this little girl. We are able to keep her away from other children when they drink their milk and they then have to wash their hands and brush their teeth. However, it is a different problem we are face with in avoiding any contact with eggs. Many foods contain eggs and she **MUST NOT** have any contact with any egg products. The problem is so severe that even if someone has eaten something containing egg and then touches this little girl she will go into anaphylactic shock!

School are putting the following measures in place with the support of the local authority:-

- Pupils and staff will wipe faces with allergen free wipes at the start of the day and after lunch
- Pupils and staff will use anti-bacterial hand gel at the start of the day and after lunch
- A special menu has been designed for this little girl
- Small adjustments made to the main menu to reduce risks
- School cook to make egg free cake
- All staff trained to administer emergency medication
- No cakes to be brought into school
- Staff to be aware of what lunch products they consume on premises

What I would like you to do to help us is the following:-

- No cakes to be brought into school. If it is your child's birthday and you want a celebration in school please contact us and we can make arrangements accordingly.
- No cakes in lunch boxes. Please provide an alternative desert for your child.
- Mayonnaise contains egg – please avoid this in school

The reason that cake is a problem is due to the crumbs it creates and if this little girl had any sort of contact with these crumbs there is a potential that she could lose her life.

I urge you to please support us in this matter. Her mother is very understanding and is working closely with the school and the authority in helping us make reasonable adjustments.

Please bear in mind, we can eat whatever we like outside school and enjoy our cakes. If this little girl has contact with these products she could die!! Her reaction is immediate and frightening. I would like us all at Eastern to support this little girl as much as we can. She has a bright happy life ahead and we want her with us!

Thanks for your support

Louise Jefford

If you would like a copy of this letter with enlarged print please let us know.

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