



SPARKEN HILL ACADEMY

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Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Birthday Celebrations and Food Allergies

As you may be aware, our school is committed to maintaining a nut-free environment due to severe allergies among some of our pupils. Considering this, we need to revise our approach to birthday celebrations in the classroom.

Effective immediately, we kindly request that parents refrain from sending buns, cakes, or any food items to school for birthday celebrations. While we understand the tradition of sharing treats on these special days, we must prioritize the safety and well-being of all our students.

Several reasons for this policy change include:

1. Allergy Concerns: Some of our students have severe allergies to nuts and other common ingredients found in baked goods.
2. Nut-Free Policy: As a nut-free school, we need to ensure that no products containing nuts or traces of nuts enter our premises.
3. Equal Participation: We want to ensure that all children can participate fully in celebrations without feeling excluded due to dietary restrictions.

Should you wish to celebrate your child's birthday at school, we would encourage you to consider non-food ways such as bringing in small, non-food items like stickers or stationery.

We really appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter. Our goal is to create a safe, inclusive environment where all children can thrive and enjoy their school experience.

If you have any questions or concerns about this policy, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your support in keeping all our students safe.

Yours sincerely,

Kind Regards

Mr R Lilley Principal



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