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Letter to Parents/Guardians Regarding Life-Threatening Allergies

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We want all children, including those with a life-threatening allergy, to feel safe, supported and accepted at school.

Please be aware that students at our school have a severe life-threatening food allergy to any food containing peanuts and/or tree nuts. This life-threatening allergy is likely to result in anaphylaxis, a sudden and severe allergic reaction that can be fatal.

We can all help foster a safe and inclusive environment by preventing such a dangerous and frightening situation at our school. The students and their family are taking responsibility to avoid exposure to peanuts/tree nuts. All staff know about this risk and have been instructed on the correct procedures regarding anaphylactic shock.

To help reduce risk, please help your children understand the seriousness of this allergy and encourage empathy for the children. Please do not send to school any lunches or snacks containing peanuts/tree nuts. In addition, please do not send food for special events.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Sincerely,

Mr. E. Grattan,
Temporary Principal,
Balaclava Public School.