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**** IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL FAMILIES ****

Dear Families

On our INSET day on Tuesday 1st September all staff whatever their role in school attended Allergy Awareness and Emergency Response training from an external first Aid company. We also read our new allergy policy which you can read on our website under policies. Cumberland now has two spare junior auto injectors in case any children has a severe anaphylactic reaction. We also have a spare inhaler and spacer available too. Mrs Becky Herbert is the named allergy lead. Cumberland is now fully compliant with Benedict's Law.

SEVERE MILK ALLERGY AWARENESS

We are really pleased to be welcoming new children into our Pre-School and school community over the coming weeks, who will be joining the school in September. We currently have a child and two members of staff who have severe nut allergies. **Please can you ensure that your child's lunchbox contains no nuts or nut products.**

We are writing to share some important information so that we can work together to ensure every child remains safe, happy, and able to access their learning environment.

The children have a **severe milk allergy**. This is not a food intolerance, but **a life-threatening allergy**. Even very small traces of milk - including residue on hands, clothing or surfaces - can trigger a serious reaction (anaphylaxis), which can be life-threatening.

We appreciate that this may feel concerning, but with the support of our school community, it is something we can manage safely and confidently together. Children will continue to enjoy their usual school routines, with some additional measures in place to support safety.

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What we are asking from families

To help minimise any risk, we kindly ask families to support the following:

- Please ensure your child washes their hands thoroughly before arriving on site, particularly if they have eaten breakfast containing milk products (e.g. cereal with milk, yoghurt, croissants).
- Please wipe faces and hands before drop-off, and **make sure no food spillages remain on their clothes, especially for younger children.**
- We ask that children do not bring **food onto the school site at the start or end of the day.**

What school will do

In school, we will be:

- Reinforcing regular handwashing routines for all children
- Ensuring staff are fully trained and aware of the child's care needs
- Maintaining clear procedures to support a safe environment for everyone
- Ask all visitors entering the building through the main office to wash their hands

Working together

We understand this is an additional ask for families, and we truly appreciate your understanding and support. These small actions make a significant difference and help ensure that all children can attend school safely.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for helping us to care for every member of our school community.

Yours sincerely

BECKY HERBERT
Headteacher

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