

Food Allergy Classroom Ban Sample Letter

Dear Parents

We are asking for your help in providing a safe learning environment to all students. One or more students in your child's grade level has a severe food allergy to peanuts, peanut oil, tree nuts, tree nut oils (walnuts, cashews, etc). It is important that foods containing these substances are strictly avoided in order to prevent a life-threatening allergic reaction.

Any exposure to peanuts or peanut oil or tree nuts/tree nut oils may cause a life threatening allergic reaction that requires emergency medical treatment. To reduce the chance of this occurring, **we ask that you do not send any of these food items to school with your child that will be eaten in the classroom.** If you child has eaten peanut, nut or containing products before coming to school, please be sure that your child's hands and face are washed before riding the bus or entering the school. As an extra precaution, children' in your child's classroom will be asked to wash their hands before *and after* they eat. A "peanut free / nut free" table will be available in the lunch room for all students who are not eating these products during lunch. Peanuts and nut containing foods will not be served in school lunch. As always, students will not be allowed to share or trade food.

Many parents enjoy contributing treats and baked goods to the class on special occasions. Because of known and unknown food allergies, on those occasions please refer to our wellness policy. **Please do not bring food to share in the classroom without first contacting the classroom teacher.**

We appreciate your support to help ensure the safety of our students. Please complete and return the bottom of this form so that we are certain you have received this important information.

Please contact me if you any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Your School Nurse

I have read and understand the peanut-free classroom precautions that will help keep the school environment safe for food allergic students.

Parent Signature

Child's Name