



Friday 13th September

Dear Parents,

We have had several recent incidents involving allergic reactions and episodes of asthma attack triggered by students using aerosols, perfumes and spray deodorants. These events are incredibly distressing and can cause considerable disruption and discomfort. We also have a number of staff and students who have allergies including citrus fruits and nuts. As a result, we are banning the following three items from our schools' sites: Aerosols, Oranges (and other citrus fruits) and nuts.

Ban on Spray Deodorants:

- To ensure a comfortable and non-irritating environment for all students and staff, the use of aerosol spray deodorants and similar products is prohibited in school facilities. This includes hallways, classrooms, and restrooms.
- Students and staff are encouraged to use roll-on, stick, or cream deodorants as alternatives to aerosol sprays.

Ban on Oranges:

- To address concerns related to citrus allergies, particularly orange allergies, the consumption of fresh oranges is banned on school grounds. This does not include juices which are permitted.
- Students and staff are encouraged to choose alternative fruits that do not pose allergy risks.

Ban on Nuts:

- Due to the increasing prevalence of nut allergies among students, all food items containing nuts (including but not limited to peanuts, tree nuts, nut oils, and products that may contain nuts) are strictly prohibited on school premises. This includes lunch boxes, snacks, and items brought for classroom celebrations.
- Signage will be posted throughout the school to remind the community of these restrictions.

We thank you for your ongoing support of our school community as we look to ensure that everyone remains safe and well.

Kindest Regards

Austin Sheppard

