



Thriftwood

School and College

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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Sweets and Treats in College

I hope you had a lovely Christmas break. I am writing to address an important issue that has come to our attention regarding students bringing sweets and treats to college to share with others. While we understand the kindness and generosity behind this gesture, it has led to some unintended consequences that we must address to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our students.

Some of the sweets being brought into college contain high levels of sugar and E-numbers. We have noticed that this has contributed to increased instances of challenging behaviour, which can impact learning and the calm environment we work hard to maintain.

Additionally, a number of our students have allergies and food intolerances, which makes it crucial that we monitor what is being shared and consumed within the college setting. Even small amounts of certain foods could pose a serious risk to their health.

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students, we kindly ask for your support in the following:

1. Please do not allow your child to bring sweets or other food items into college to share with others.
2. If you would like to celebrate a special occasion, such as a birthday, please speak to your child's teacher in advance to agree on a suitable and inclusive way to mark the event.

We understand that children enjoy sharing with their friends, and we want to encourage their kindness and social interactions. However, it is essential that we do this in a way that is safe and supports all of our students' needs.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in this matter. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact the college office.

Yours faithfully

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