Hampton College

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Dear Parents/Carers

Pineapple Allergy in School

We would like to make you aware that one of our staff members has an identified, severe allergy to pineapple and when in contact with pineapple (in any form), would potentially experience a life-threatening allergic reaction.

If someone has an allergy it is not just eating the product that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had the food item can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties). Allergens can also be airborne or remain on communal surfaces in and around school.

First aid staff in the school are trained to use an Epi-pens (an injection of adrenaline) which is required immediately if this happens.

We would therefore ask for your support in not putting pineapple, or any products containing pineapple, in your child's lunch box or be given as a morning snack or treat.

Please could we ask that you check the packaging of products closely. We appreciate that this is an additional thing to check, however we are certain that you will recognise the importance of it.

We really appreciate your support with this matter.

With kind regards

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