## PADRE PIO CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Conway Road, Pontypool, Torfaen, NP4 6HL

Padre Pio is a Catholic family where we pray and learn in peace with each other.

Together we take the message of Jesus to the world.

Headteacher: Mr. M. P. Welsh

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Dear Parent / Guardian

## **FOOD ALLERGIES AND INTOLERANCES**

From the 13 December, the law concerning the labelling of both pre-packed and loose foods is changing. There will be a legal requirement for business operators at all stages of the supply chain to provide information to its customers concerning any food allergens that may be present in the food that is supplied (currently only pre-packed food must be labelled).

Individuals who are not food business, for example, those who occasionally provide food at school fetes or voluntary cake sales will not be subject to the new allergen declaration requirements. Currently, our school policy is to allow children to bring in birthday cake to share with other children and we may also provide children with food for class parties, for example, at Christmas time and for special occasions – Torfaen Trading Standards have informed me that these occasional events are exempt from the new allergen declaration requirements.

We would like to continue to offer food for occasional events and birthdays, but we're aware that some children may have food allergies or intolerances. Please can you ensure that you contact the school office immediately if you child has a food allergy or intolerance so that our records can be updated – information will also be shared with the class teacher and Torfaen Catering so that your child will not be given items containing allergens. Please note that Padre Pio School does not accept any responsibility for any adverse reaction to allergens suffered by your child.

Yours faithfully

M.P. Welsh.

Mr. M. P. Welsh HEADTEACHER PADRE PIO SCHOOL