



Nut Awareness Policy

Context

The Department for Education requires schools to promote and construct learning environments that are safe and supportive. Students and staff may have Anaphylaxis, the severest form of allergic reaction, and nuts or nut products may be a trigger. This means that exposure at school may constitute a risk to their health and wellbeing. It is not possible to guarantee that the environment will be completely free of potential hazards, however, compliance to reasonable guidelines will minimise the potential risks.

Purpose

To raise the awareness of anaphylactic conditions for all members of the school community.

Management

Parents:

- Are requested NOT to send food to school that contain nuts, especially peanuts. This includes products such as peanut paste, 'Nutella', most nuts, peanut cooking oil and other foods that may contain nuts.
- Will be informed of this policy at the commencement of each new school year and at enrolment.

Students:

- Are encouraged to wash hands before and after eating.
- Those who bring food containing nuts, or nut products, are required to return the food to their bag for consumption at home. A suitable replacement food item will be provided by the school.
- Are not to share food.

Staff:

- Will be made aware of students who have anaphylactic responses, including nut allergy.
- Will supervise students during lunch eating time and will be vigilant in regard to this policy.
- Will participate in first aid training to understand procedures related to Anaphylaxis (severe allergic reaction) as the need arises.
- Will communicate with parents, reminding them of our policy, in the event that food containing nuts is brought to school.

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Promotion:

- This policy is promoted via the school communications apps and on the website.
- New families will be informed via information in their enrolment package.
- Governing Council give approval and support this policy.

Review:

The school acknowledges that due to current food processing practices, it is impractical to eliminate nuts and nut products entirely from an environment where there is food. The emphasis is therefore on raising awareness and adopting the reasonable procedures termed as 'Nut Awareness'.

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