



## **Nut Allergy Awareness Policy**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to

- Raise awareness about allergies to all our school community
- Ensure we provide a safe learning environment for all
- Give assurance to those children/families with severe allergies that we take the management of these seriously.

### **Aim**

We are not a nut-free school but we aim to be as nut-free as we can. It is impossible to provide an absolute guarantee that no nuts will be brought onto the premises but we will strive to minimise this as much as we can.

### **Management**

We ask that all members of the school community manage the day to day application of this policy in the following ways:

- Parents and carers are requested NOT to send food to school that contains nuts. This includes all types of nuts, peanut butter, nutella, cereal/chocolate bars and any other food containing nuts.
- Staff will be alert to any obvious signs of nuts being brought in, but they will not inspect all food brought into school.
- If any actual nuts or nut-based products are found, they will be bagged up and sent home and alternative lunch will be arranged for them.
- Children will be asked NOT to share food.
- Children will be encouraged to wash hands before and after eating.
- Some staff are trained in understanding and dealing with Anaphylaxis (severe allergic reactions) and will use this training as the need arises.
- The school dinner providers will ensure all cooked food is nut-free.
- Staff are aware of the use of cosmetic products such as hand cream which may contain nuts.

There may be circumstances, due to dietary needs, where a child may need nut-based products in their diet. Should this be the case, parents will need to speak with a member of senior staff to discuss their needs. Under such circumstances, this child will eat after the child with a nut allergy and will wash their hands thoroughly after eating to minimise the risk.

### **Promotion**

The policy will be promoted by:

- A copy of this policy being made available to all parents and carers.
- Staff being informed and provided with training opportunities.
- Children being informed via teachers and support staff.

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