

Parkfield Community School's

Nut Allergy Awareness Policy



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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 school's premises, but we will strive to minimise this as much as we can.

Management

We have a policy to not use nuts in any of our food prepared on site at our school. Our suppliers provide us with nut-free products. However, we cannot guarantee freedom from nut traces.

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 are advised not to bring into school any foods containing nuts. If staff do bring into school a food containing nuts, it must be consumed in an area that is not regularly frequented by children i.e. not in a classroom and staff should wash their hands afterwards;
- staff will be alert to any obvious signs of nuts being brought in (such as birthday treats e.g. a box of Celebrations), but they will not inspect all food brought into school;
- staff working in a classroom will be aware of any children that parents have identified as having allergies to nuts;
- children that DO bring in food that does contain nuts or nut products will be asked to eat that food away from any child with a nut allergy and to wash their hands before going to play;
- if any actual nuts are found, they will be bagged up and sent home and this child will be asked to eat lunch away from other children and wash their hands before going out to play;
- children will be asked NOT to share food;
- children will be encouraged to wash hands before and after eating;
- staff are trained annually in understanding and dealing with Anaphylaxis (severe allergic reactions) and will use this training as the need arises.

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;
- publication of this policy on the school website;
- a copy of this policy being in new admission packs.



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