

Clewer Green CE First School

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'Inspiring Children'

Vision: Every child has been blessed by God with unique potential. Our vision for Clewer Green is to inspire and nurture children in a safe, happy and caring Christian community, where everyone is valued and enjoys learning.

'I can do all things through him who strengthens me'

Philippians 4:13

FOOD ALLERGENS STATEMENT

At Clewer Green CE Aided First School we recognise that there will be children and adults in our community that will have allergies to a wide variety of food types, and that exposure to these food types could result in severe anaphylactic reactions. Whilst we have a Nut Allergy Awareness Policy, we also feel that we need to address allergies to other food types and that therefore, this statement needs to be read in conjunction with the aforementioned policy.

We will, as a matter of course, review this statement at least annually. This would allow us to pick up any information of severe allergies from children joining us at the start of the academic year, either in Foundation Stage or in other Year Groups. However, there may be new children joining throughout the year, or indeed an existing pupil who receives a diagnosis mid-way through the year, which may mean that this statement would have to be reviewed at that point rather than waiting for the annual review.

The severity of reactions varies greatly, and for most children in the school their reactions will be due to ingesting or touching the food stuffs that they are allergic to, which on the whole can be managed. However, for some children the reaction can be to simply smelling the items. For the purpose of this document we will call this an 'acute' reaction and would ask that the school is provided with documentary evidence that this is the case.

Once we are supplied with information from parents confirming that there is a risk of a child having an acute reaction to a particular food product we, as a school, will update this statement and inform all parents that the item should not be provided in packed lunches or break time snacks. Parents will be informed by email, twitter, book bag, the website and via text notification.

We currently have **1** child who has an acute allergic reaction to **SESAME SEED PRODUCTS**.

PLEASE DO NOT SUPPLY YOUR CHILD WITH ANY SNACK OR LUNCH BOX ITEMS THAT CONTAIN SESAME SEEDS OR USE SESAME SEED OIL.

You may wish to follow this link to foods that are likely to contain Sesame Seeds or Sesame seed Oil:

https://www.foodallergyawareness.org/foodallergy/food_allergens-11/sesame-33

We currently have **1** child that has an acute **AIRBORNE** allergic reaction to **ALL NUT PRODUCTS**.

PLEASE DO NOT SUPPLY YOUR CHILD WITH ANY SNACK OR LUNCH BOX ITEMS THAT CONTAIN OR MAY CONTAIN NUTS OF ANY VARIETY.

We currently have **1** member of staff that has an acute allergic reaction to **COCONUT**. **PLEASE DO NOT SUPPLY YOUR CHILD WITH ANY SNACK OR LUNCH BOX ITEMS THAT CONTAIN OR MAY CONTAIN COCONUTS OF ANY VARIETY.**

Whilst we can never guarantee that one of our children with allergies will never have a reaction whilst at school we can take measures that will mitigate the risk and with the help of our parents we can work together to ensure that all of our pupils remain safe from harm.

As food allergens are present in our kitchen, we cannot guarantee that any menu items will be completely free from any particular allergen.

Reviewed: September 2021

Next Scheduled Review: January 2022