

# St. Matthew's C of E Primary School Policies

## **Our Policy:** Allergies

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## **St Matthew's C of E Primary School Allergy Policy (including nut and food allergies)**

This policy is concerned with a whole school approach to the health care and management of the school community who suffer from specific allergies.

St Matthew's C of E Primary School is aware that staff and children who attend may suffer from food, bee/wasp sting, animal or nut allergies and believe that all allergies should be taken seriously and dealt with in a professional and appropriate way.

St Matthew's C of E Primary School does not guarantee a completely allergen free environment, rather to minimise the risk of exposure, encourage self-responsibility and plan for effective response to possible emergencies.

St Matthew's C of E Primary School is committed to children not sharing food and drink. Parents are asked to provide details of allergies on admission to our school.

The intention of this policy is to minimise the risk of any child or member of staff suffering an allergic reaction whilst at school. An allergic reaction to nuts is the most common high risk allergy and as such demands more rigorous controls throughout the policy.

The underlying principles of this policy include:

- The establishment of effective risk management practices to minimise the child, staff, parent and visitor exposure to known trigger foods and insects.
- Staff training and education to ensure effective emergency response to any allergic reaction situation.

This policy applies to all members of the school community including: staff, parents, carers, volunteers, supply staff, students.

Role of other parents:

- Snacks and lunches provided by parents should be peanut and nut free.
- The school will ensure that parents are regularly reminded of the importance of nut free lunchboxes and snacks.

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