



Nut Allergy Awareness Policy

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Introduction

We are not a nut-free school, but we do 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.

This policy is intended to raise awareness of nut allergies to the school community so that we can provide a safe learning environment for all. It is designed to give assurance to children and families with severe nut allergies that we take the management of these seriously.

There will be particular members of the school community that require particular care with regard to nut allergies and so this policy may be revised in the event that a child or staff member who has previously suffered an airborne allergic reaction before joins the school, or if circumstances change. Revisions will be made in consultation with relevant children's parents and staff members. Once we are aware that a change in practice is required, all precautions necessary to keep members of the school community safe will be taken without delay.

Management of nuts on the premises

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

- Parents must inform the school of any allergies. This should be recorded on Arbor.
- Staff must be aware of allergies of children in their care
- All parents and carers are requested NOT to send food to school that contains nuts for their child to eat. This includes all types of nuts, peanut butter, Nutella, cereal/chocolate bars and any other food containing nuts. This will be requested on our website and occasionally on our newsletter.
- Staff members will be alert to any obvious signs of nuts being brought in, but they will not inspect food being brought into school.
- 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. If needed, an alternative food will be found for the child to eat from the school's kitchen.
- Children will be asked NOT to share food in case of cross-contamination.
- Children will be encouraged to wash hands before and after eating.
- First aid staff understand anaphylaxis and will use their training to deal with any incidents as the need arises
- The school dinner providers will ensure that all food is nut-free.
- The lunchtime staff will be aware of children with severe allergies via a list and photographs in the school kitchen.
- Staff members are asked to not bring in nuts to eat. Foods containing nuts may be appropriate to eat as long as the staff member is not sitting with the children, or another adult with an allergy. They should wash their hands before and after eating.
- Staff members should share their own nut allergies with others for their own safety.

Promotion

This policy will be promoted by:

- A copy of this policy being made available to all parents and carers on the school website
- Staff members being informed and provided with training opportunities, as required
- Children being informed via teachers and support staff
- Issue of this policy in school prospectus packs
- Reminders shared on the school newsletter.

This policy is based on advice from the Anaphylaxis Campaign: <https://www.anaphylaxis.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Frequently-Asked-Questions-in-Schools-Factsheet-Jan-2018.pdf>