

Nut Allergies Policy

Target Groups: Staff, Parents, Carers and Students.

Aim and Purpose:

We are introducing this policy as potentially we have students in the school and residential areas with severe and/or life threatening nut allergies.

We aim:

- To be a nut-free school but it is impossible to guarantee 100% that no nuts will be brought onto the site.
- To raise awareness about allergies to our school community.
- Provide a safe learning environment for all.
- Give assurance to those families/children with severe allergies that we take the management of these seriously.
- To use existing policies relating to allergies and infection control to support the nut allergy procedure.

We request that:

- Parents/carers DO NOT send food to school that contains nuts. This includes all types of nuts, peanut butter, Nutella, cereal/chocolate bars that contain nuts.
- Staff are alert to any obvious signs of nuts being brought into school, but they will not inspect all food brought into school.
- Students who do bring in food that does contain nuts or nut products by mistake will be asked to eat that food away from any other student and to wash their hands after eating.
- Students do not share food.
- The school kitchen will ensure all cooked food is nut free.
- Staff should check creams used for massage and aromatherapy oils.
- Everyone checks hand creams and sun creams for nut traces.
- Staff and students moving between the Children's Home and the school will be required to wash their hands before entering the school.

This policy will be made available to all parents and carers through the website and school newsletters and will be part of the New Admissions packs.

DATE / TIME SCALE: Policy to be reviewed as deemed necessary.

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