



## NUT AND ALLERGENS POLICY

### CONTEXT:

Department for Education (DfE) schools are required to provide learning environments that are safe and supportive of all students. This includes providing for the needs of students and staff who may have anaphylactic (severe allergic) conditions – including nut allergies. For these individual's exposure to allergens at school may constitute a risk to their health and wellbeing.

While it is not possible to guarantee that the school environment will be completely free of potential hazards, risks can be minimised by compliance with reasonable guidelines.

Please note: initially this policy is written with nut allergies in mind and will be updated to include other potential medical hazards involving allergies as the need arises.

### PURPOSE

- To raise the awareness of anaphylactic conditions for all conditions for all members of the school community
- To provide a safe school environment for all members of the school community

### MANAGEMENT

#### Parents:

- Are requested NOT to send food to school that contains nuts, especially peanuts. This includes products such as peanut paste, "Nutella", nuts, peanut cooking oil and other foods that may contain nuts
- Will be informed of this policy at the commencement of each new school year and at enrolment
- If a child has an allergic medical condition diagnosed by a health professional the school must be supplied with their prescribed medication in the original labelled pharmacy container, along with the appropriate medication authority and health action plan

#### Students:

- Are encouraged to wash hands after eating
- Who bring food containing traces of nuts or nut products, are required to eat that food away from the allergic students and must wash their hands thoroughly before going to play

#### Staff:

- Will be made aware of students who have anaphylactic responses, including nut allergy
- Will supervise students during lunch eating time and will be vigilant in regard to this policy
- Will participate in training from approved providers as mandated by the Teacher Registration Board to understand procedures related to Anaphylaxis (severe allergic reactions) as the need arises

#### School Canteen, SAKG, OSHC & Catered Events

- Are required to comply with this policy
- Will not use foods which list nuts as an ingredient

#### EpiPens

- Medication for all students that have anaphylaxis and have an EpiPen prescribed are kept in the Front Office in a cupboard that is readily accessible by all staff members

#### Promotion

The policy will be promoted by:

- Information via the school newsletter
- New families to the school community being informed via information in their enrolment package
- Governing Council being informed and giving approval and support to this policy
- Staff being informed annually and provided with training opportunities
- Students being informed via teachers, signs and through the newsletter

#### Review:

- This policy will be reviewed by staff and Governing Council every two years. The school acknowledges that due to current food processing practices, it is impractical to eliminate nuts and nut products entirely from an environment where there is food. The emphasis is therefore on raising awareness and adopting the reasonable procedures re nut awareness.

*Reviewed 2019. Next review 2021*

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