



St Peter's Methodist Primary School

Nut Aware School Policy

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Rationale

Due to some of our pupils suffering with severe nut allergies, we have made the decision to become a 'nut aware school'. An allergic reaction (anaphylactic shock) can occur through ingestion of nut products, cross contamination and breathing nut dust in the air.

We are not a nut free school but we 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.

Purpose

- To provide a safe learning environment for all members of St Peter's
- To raise the awareness of all members of the community regarding severe allergies
- Give assurance to those children/families with severe allergies that we take the management of these seriously

Management

The Nut Aware Policy will be managed by:

- Parents and carers being requested NOT to send food to school for packed lunches or sales/ events that contains nuts (including products such as chocolate spreads, peanut butter, some cereal bars and cakes, but this list is not exhaustive so please do check packaging carefully) *We do acknowledge that many foods are labelled as 'may have been produced in a factory handling nuts and cannot be guaranteed to be nut free'. Such items will be allowed in school as it would be unreasonable to expect these to be kept out of school.*
- Parents and carers being asked to avoid sending containers such as cereal boxes for DT/Art lessons into school which may have contained produce made with nuts
- Students being encouraged NOT to share food.
- Students being encouraged to wash hands before and after eating.
- Staff training in understanding and dealing with Anaphylaxis (severe allergic reactions) as the need arises.
- The school catering company complying with the Nut Aware School Policy.
- Please note where a member of staff notices a pupil eating a nut product, the product will be removed politely and the member of staff will explain why this has to be done. A message will then be sent to the parent to explain what has happened so they are fully informed and to remind them of this policy.

Promotion

The policy will be promoted by:

- A copy of this policy being issued to all parents and carers.
- Staff being informed and provided with training opportunities.
- Pupils being informed via teachers and support staff.
- Posters in school hall where lunch is eaten.
- Publication of this policy on the school website.
- Issue of the policy in the new pupil packs.

Risk management regarding Nut Allergy

- Parents will be informed by letter of the need to support this policy
- Staff will be made aware of the content of this policy.
- All children with an allergy will have an Individual Health Care Plan in place, completed by staff and parents
- Children with allergies are be made known to staff along with appropriate actions.
- Staff will be alert to any obvious signs of nuts being brought in, but they will not inspect all food brought into school.
- The school catering company will follow the nut awareness policy as will all staff.
- Relevant staff will be trained in the use of an epi-pen which will be held in school if a particular child should have this treatment prescribed.
- Parents and carers **MUST** inform the school immediately a problem has been diagnosed, or if there are any changes required to the care plan in place for their child.