



Howes Community Primary School

Nut Allergy Awareness Policy

Introduction

Peanut allergy is the second most common food allergy in children and this is increasing. It now occurs in 1 in 50 children. This policy is in place as we have children and staff in school with nut allergies.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to

- Raise awareness about allergies to all our school community
- Ensure we provide a safe learning environment for all
- Give assurance to those children/families with severe allergies that we take the management of these seriously

Aim

We are a nut-free school. 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.

Management

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

- Parents and carers are requested NOT to send food to school that contain nuts. This includes all types of nuts, peanut butter, nutella, cereal/chocolate bars and any other food containing nuts.
- Staff will be alert to any obvious signs of nuts being brought in, but they will not inspect all food brought into school.
- If any actual nuts are found, they will be bagged up and sent home.
- Children will be asked NOT to share food.
- Children will be encouraged to wash hands before and after eating.
- Some staff are trained in understanding and dealing with Anaphylaxis (severe allergic reactions) and will use this training as the need arises.
- The school dinner providers will ensure all cooked food is nut free.

Promotion

The policy will be promoted by:

- A copy of this policy being made available to all parents and carers.
- Staff being informed and provided with training opportunities.
- Children being informed via teachers and support staff.
- Publication of this policy on the school website.
- Issue of the policy in the new admissions packs.

Review

The policy will be reviewed by the governing body every two years, or earlier if considered necessary.

Policy Date: September 2017

Next Review Date: September 2019