

NUT AWARENESS POLICY

Playford Primary School

is a NUT AWARE SCHOOL*

Purpose

- To provide a safe learning environment for all members of the Playford Primary School community.
- To raise the awareness of all members of the community regarding severe allergies.

Management

The Nut Awareness policy will be managed through:

- Parents and caregivers being requested **NOT** to send food to school that contains nuts (especially peanuts). This includes peanut paste, nutella, all nuts and cooking oil containing peanut oil, as well as foods containing nuts. (This is especially important in the units where we are aware of students with an anaphylaxis condition.)
- Parents/carers of children affected by nut allergies having an annual anaphylaxis medical plan, signed by the child's doctor, lodged at the school. Epi-pens and medication are supplied by the parent/carer.
- Staff supervising eating at lunch time.
- Students being encouraged **NOT** to share food.
- Students being encouraged to wash hands after eating.
- Staff participating in training from St John or Red Cross to assist in understanding and dealing with Anaphylaxis (severe allergic reactions) as the need arises.
- The School Canteen complying with the Nut Awareness Policy.
- Students bringing food that contains nuts or nut products being asked to eat that food away from any other students and to wash their hands before going to play.

Promotion

The policy will be promoted by:

- Parents and caregivers being informed via the newsletter.
- New families to the school community being informed via the Enrolment Information Package.
- Governing Council being informed and has given approval and support.
- Staff being informed and provided with training opportunities.
- Students being informed via teachers, signs and the newsletter.

**The school acknowledges that due to food processing practices it is impractical to eliminate nuts or nut products entirely from an environment where there is food.*

Legal advice from DECS or the CEO or District Director can over-ride all or parts of this policy.

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