



## Nut Awareness Policy

### **Purpose:**

- To provide a safe learning environment for all members of South Ballajura Campus.
- To raise the awareness of all members of the community regarding severe allergies.

### **Management:**

The Nut Awareness policy will be managed by:

- Parents and carers being encouraged NOT to send food to school that contains nuts. This includes peanut paste, Nutella, all nuts and cooking oil containing peanut oil, as well as foods containing nuts.
- Staff supervising eating at lunch time. Should it be noticed that a child has brought food containing nuts, staff will handle the situation sensibly and sensitively to prevent those children known to have nut allergies coming into contact with the food. Staff will ensure that any child who has touched nut products washes his/her hands thoroughly.
- Children being encouraged NOT to share food.
- Children being encouraged to wash hands before and after eating.
- Staff participating in training from school health advisors in understanding and dealing with anaphylaxis (severe allergic reactions) as the need arises.
- The School canteen staff complying with the Nut Awareness Policy. Whilst recognising that it is very difficult to be certain that everything that is sent to school by catering suppliers is nut-free, as some of the most unusual items contain nut traces, the catering staff will make every effort to serve food that is nut-free.

### **The staff will be 'nut aware' in the following ways:**

- Ensuring that school baking sessions use ingredients that do not contain nuts.
- Being vigilant when using boxes as part of craft activities e.g. do not use cereal boxes or containers that may be contaminated with nuts
- Food checked, in collaboration with parents, at occasions such as Breakfasts Club and P&C events

### **The policy will be promoted by:**

- Parents and carers being informed via the newsletter
- New families to the school community being informed via the *Induction Package*
- Staff being informed and provided with training opportunities
- Children being informed via teachers, signs and the newsletter
- This 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; thus Nut 'Aware' School.

### **Nut Awareness Policy**

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