



Gulfview Heights Primary School Allergies and Nut Awareness Policy

Purpose:

- To provide a safe learning environment for all members of the Gulfview Heights Primary School community by lessening the possibility of severe allergic reactions to nuts and nut products.
- To raise awareness of all members of the community regarding severe allergies.

Management:

Where a parent of a child with an allergy to nuts or nut products has alerted the school to this fact (backed by medical evidence / documentation), the school will manage the situation in the following way:

Parents:

- Parents and caregivers being requested NOT to send food to school that contain any nuts or traces of nuts. This includes peanut butter and “Nuts about Chocolate” or “Nutella” spreads.
- Parents will be informed of this policy at the commencement of each new school year and at enrolment.

Students

- Students are encouraged NOT to share food
- Students are encouraged to wash their hands after eating.
- Students bringing food that contains nuts or nut products being asked to eat that food away from other students, and to wash their hands before going to play.

Staff

- Staff will be made aware of students who have anaphylactic responses, including nut allergies.
- Staff will supervise eating at lunch time in classrooms or another confined area
- Staff will participate in training from St John / Red Cross in understanding and dealing with Anaphylaxis (severe allergic reactions) as the need arises.
- The school canteen will comply with the Nut Awareness Policy.

Promotion:

- The policy will be promoted by:
- Parents and caregivers being informed via the newsletter and other correspondence.
- New families to the school community being informed via the Enrolment Information package.
- Governing Council being kept informed about the implementation of the policy.
- Staff being informed and provided with training opportunities.
- Students being informed via teachers and newsletter.

We acknowledge that due to food processing practices it is impractical to eliminate nuts or nut products entirely from an environment where there is food, thus we are a “Nut Aware” School.

Review: This policy will be reviewed by staff and Governing Council every two years.