

Grange Primary School

Nut Awareness Policy

Context

DECD requires schools to promote and construct learning environments that are safe and supportive. Students and staff may have Anaphylaxis, the severest form of allergic reaction and nuts or nut products may be a trigger. This means that exposure at school may constitute a risk to their health and well being.

It is not possible to guarantee that the environment will be completely free of potential hazards. However, compliance to reasonable guidelines will minimise the potential risks.

Purpose

To raise the awareness of anaphylactic conditions for all members of the school community.

Management

Parents:

- Are requested where possible NOT to send food to school that contain nuts, especially peanuts. This includes products such as peanut paste, 'Nutella', most nuts, peanut cooking oil and other foods that may contain nuts.
- Will be informed of this policy at the commencement of each new school year and at enrolment.

Students:

- Are encouraged to wash hands before and after eating.
- Who bring food containing nuts, or nut products, are required to eat that food away from other students and to wash their hands before going to play.
- Are not to share food,.

Staff:

- Will be made aware of students who have anaphylactic responses, including nut allergy.
- Will supervise students during lunch eating time and will be vigilant in regard to this policy.
- Will participate in training from St John or Red Cross to understand procedures related to Anaphylaxis (severe allergic reaction) as the need arises.

Promotion

- This policy will be promoted by:
- Information via the school newsletter and at Acquaintance Nights.
- New families to the school community being informed via information in their enrolment package.
- Governing Council being informed and giving approval and support to this policy.
- Staff being informed via teachers, signs and through the newsletter.

Review

- This policy will be reviewed by staff and Governing Council every two years, beginning in 2013.
- The school acknowledges that due to current food processing practices, it is impractical to eliminate nuts and nut products entirely from an environment where there is food. The emphasis is therefore on raising awareness and adopting the reasonable procedures termed as 'Nut Awareness'.