Allergy Awareness Statement

Purpose

The purpose of this statement 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

As a school we aim to be allergy aware and this includes being as nut-free as we can. 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 statement in the following ways:

- Parents and carers are requested NOT to send food to school that contains nuts. This includes all types of nuts, peanut butter, Nutella, cereal/chocolate bars and any other food containing nuts.
- Please be mindful of other foods that can cause allergic reactions such as milk, egg, sesame seeds, kiwi fruit, fish, shellfish, tree nuts, wheat and soy - children will be asked NOT to share food.
- Staff will be alert to any obvious signs of nuts being brought in, but they will not inspect all food brought into school.
- Children that DO bring in food that does contain nuts or nut products will be asked to eat that food away from any child with a nut allergy and to wash their hands after eating.
- The school dinner providers will ensure all cooked food is nut-free.
- If any actual nuts are found, they will be bagged up and sent home and this child will be asked to eat lunch away from other children and wash their hands.
- Children will be encouraged to wash hands before and after eating.
- Most staff are trained in understanding and dealing with Anaphylaxis (severe allergic reactions) and will use this training as the need arises.

- Parents of children with allergies will alert the school and complete the relevant paperwork and provide where necessary Piriton or adrenaline auto-injectors to support the management of the allergy.

- Any curricular and extra-curricular lessons and activities will be planned to be as nut free and allergy aware as possible.

Promotion

The policy will be promoted by:

- A copy of this statement 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 statement on the school website.
- Issue of the statement in the new admission packs.

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