



# **Allergy Awareness Policy**

#### Rationale

An allergic reaction occurs when the immune system reacts to substances in the environment. 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.

## **Policy Aims**

- To raise the awareness of anaphylactic conditions for all members of the school community.
- To provide a safe school environment for all members of the school community.

## **Policy**

### **Parents**

- Are requested 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 in the front office 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 regularly undertake first aid training.

