



Policy Document for: Nut Allergy Awareness

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Purpose

- To provide a safe learning environment for all members of the Iwade and Bobbing School Communities
- To raise the awareness of all members of the community regarding severe allergies, particularly the rare airborne nut allergy
- Give assurance to those children/families with severe allergies that we take the management of these seriously

Aim

We aim to be as nut free as possible. It is impossible to provide an absolute guarantee that no nuts will be bought onto the premises (since nut traces are found in many unusual products such as hand cream), but we will strive to minimise this as much as we can.

Management

The Nut Aware policy will be managed by:

- Parents and caregivers being requested **NOT** to send food to school that contains nuts (especially peanuts). This includes all types of nuts, peanut butter, nutella and food containing nuts.
- Staff will be alert to any obvious signs of nuts being brought in, but they will not inspect all food brought into school.
- Staff supervising pupils eating at lunchtime
- If a child does bring in a food which contains nuts or nut products, they will not be allowed to eat this in school. The food is taken to the office and parents are called to let them know that this food is not allowed and that the child has been unable to eat it. This can then be made available for parents to collect at the end of the school day as needed.
- Pupils are encouraged **NOT** to share food.
- If any actual nuts are found they will be bagged up and sent home
- Pupils are encouraged to wash hands before and *after* eating.
- Staff training in understanding and dealing with Anaphylaxis (severe allergic reactions) as the need arises.
- The school dinner caterers complying with the Nut Awareness Policy.

Promotion

The policy will be promoted by:

- A copy of this policy being made available to all parents and caregivers via the Trust website
- Staff being informed and provided with training opportunities.
- Pupils being informed via teachers, support staff and signs.
- Issue of the policy in the new pupil packs.