



Castle Hill CP School
NUT ALLERGY
AWARENESS POLICY

January 2019

This policy is being introduced as we have children in school with nut allergies.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy 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

We are not a nut-free school but we aim to be 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.

Procedure

We ask that all members of the school community manage the day to day application of this policy in the following ways:

- Foods that are or contain nuts are not brought into school. This includes all types of nuts, peanut butter, nutella, nut bars and any other food containing nuts, including birthday cakes or similar treats.
- Staff will be alert to any obvious signs of nuts being brought in, but they will not inspect all food brought into school.
- 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 before going out to play.
- Children will be asked NOT to share food.
- Children will be encouraged to wash hands before and after eating.
- All staff are trained in understanding and dealing with Anaphylaxis (severe allergic reactions) and will use this training as the need arises.
- The school dinner providers will ensure all cooked food is nut-free.

Promotion

The policy will be promoted by:

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