



NUT AWARENESS GUIDELINES

CONTEXT

DfE schools are required to promote and develop learning environments that are safe and supportive. Students and staff may have anaphylactic (severe allergic) conditions that include nut allergies. This means that exposure at school may constitute a risk to their health and wellbeing.

While it is not possible to guarantee that the school environment will be completely free of potential nut hazards, risks can be minimised by adhering within reasonable guidelines.

PURPOSE

- 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

PARENTS

- Are requested not to send foods along to school with their children that contain nuts. This includes products such as 'Nutella', Peanut Paste, all types of nuts, peanut cooking oil and other foods such as Muesli bars that may contain nuts
- Will be informed of Wallaroo Mines Primary School's Nut Awareness Guidelines at the commencement of each school year and reminders via the Newsletter and social media
- Will provide the school with a Health Care Plan if their child has a serious allergy to nuts

STUDENTS

- Are advised not to share food from home
- Are encouraged to wash hands before and after eating

STAFF

- Will be made aware of students and colleagues who have anaphylactic responses to nut allergies
- Will supervise students during lunch eating time and be vigilant with regards to these guidelines
- Will participate in First Aid training to understand responses and procedures related to Anaphylaxis
- Will ensure that food provided through the Canteen, Breakfast Club, for Fundraising purposes, on camps and within lessons, such as Home Ec, does not contain nuts

PROMOTION

- These guidelines will be shared with the Governing Council
- Information will be distributed via the school newsletter and social media
- Staff will be informed annually at the start of the school year and as part of the induction process for new staff
- New families to the school community will be informed via a copy of the guidelines in the enrolment package.

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".

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