



Allergies Policy including Nut and Food allergies.

At St John's Cathedral Catholic Primary School our mission is to educate the whole child through the Gospel values of Christ.

Introduction

This policy is concerned with a whole school approach to the health care and management of those members of the school community suffering from specific allergies. Our position is not to guarantee a completely allergen free environment, but rather: to minimise the risk of exposure, encourage self – responsibility, and plan for effective response to possible emergencies.

Section 1 – Aims and Principles

We aim to:

- Minimise the risk of any child or adult suffering allergy induced anaphylaxis whilst at school.
- Establish effective risk management practises to minimise the student, staff. Parent and visitor exposure to known trigger foods and insects.
- Promote self-responsibility
- Train and educate staff to ensure effective emergency response to any allergic reaction to a situation.
- Ensure that the policy applies to all school staff, parents/guardians, volunteers, supply staff and students

Section 2 – Organisation

All members of staff, parents and children will be made aware of any changes that need to be put in place in the light of anyone in the school community with a severe allergen. Parents will be asked to complete forms informing us of any allergies their child may have and details of any medication required. The school will consider any changes to routines that need to be put in place. The school is currently a nut free school.

Section 4 – Responsibilities

Staff

All staff will receive training on handling an anaphylaxis reaction. Staff working with children with known allergies will take all reasonable steps to ensure the child never knowingly comes into contact with the allergen. Where there is a known nut allergy Teachers will ensure that no nut products are brought into school. This includes the wearing of handcream containing any nut oil products. Staff working directly with such children will always wash their hands after eating. Catering staff will

ensure that adapted menus and separate utensils are used for pupils with severe reactions. Resources used in the classroom will be adapted to ensure they do not contain any known allergens. A protocol will be drawn up by the school nurse and displayed in the classroom and medical room.

Pupils

Pupils are expected to know what they can and can't eat or touch if they have an allergy. They must never eat food belonging to another child. They must always let an adult know if they are feeling unwell. Children in the same class as a pupil with a potentially severe allergic reaction will wash their hands after eating lunch if appropriate for the nature of the allergen.

Parents

Parents and carers will inform the school of any allergies that their child has. They will keep the school updated on any changes. Parents will complete a request for change of menu and submit it to the LA catering provider. Parents will ensure that the school has an in date supply of any prescribed medication needed by their child. Where parents are informed of a member of the community with a severe nut allergy they will ensure no nut products e.g peanut butter, hazelnut chocolate spread are brought into school.

Section 5 – Expectations

Children learn best when they are in a nurturing environment.

- At St John's, we expect staff to work together with pupils and their families to ensure that our school is a safe environment where the risk of a reaction to allergens is minimised. We expect all school staff, parents/guardians, volunteers, supply staff and students to adhere to this policy.

We expect parents/carers to support the school, encourage their child and liaise with us if they have concerns or questions.

Monitoring and Review

It is the responsibility of each teacher to understand and adhere to the principles stated in this policy. The SLT will monitor the implementation of this policy.

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