

Policy:	<b>Nut Allergy Policy</b> (non statutory)	
Date this policy was adopted or reviewed:	<b>October 2018</b>	
Review Date:	<b>October 2021</b>	

### Introduction

This policy is aimed at ensuring the school is a safe place for children and adults with nut allergies. It is impossible to provide an absolute guarantee that no nuts will be brought onto the premises. However, Oxley Primary School will make all reasonable efforts to ensure that the school is as nut-free as possible. It has been written following advice from the school nurse, the Anaphylaxis Campaign and Allergy UK.

### 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;
- Provide assurance to those children (and their families) with severe allergies that we take the management of these seriously.

In summary, these are the foods which are acceptable and those which must be avoided:

Not safe to bring into school	Ok to bring into school
Food that specifies <b>nuts of any type</b> as one of the ingredients must <b>not</b> be brought into school. The best way to check is to look at the list of <b>ingredients</b> . Any nuts or nut products will be listed in <b>bold</b> .	Food with label saying " <b>may contain nuts</b> ", " <b>may contain peanuts</b> ", etc, <b>but does not list any nuts among the ingredients</b> .

### Management

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

- For each child with a known severe allergy to nuts (or other foods), a risk assessment will be carried out, in conjunction with medical professionals and the child's parents, to ensure that risk of exposure is minimised and that appropriate measures are in place in the event of exposure to nuts or nut products.

- Parents and carers are requested NOT to send food to school that contains nuts. This includes all types of nuts, peanut butter, **Nutella**, cereal/chocolate bars and any other food containing nuts.
- Staff (including lunchtime staff) will undertake training in conjunction with the School Nurse to ensure they are well informed about nut allergies.
- Staff will be expected to be alert to any obvious signs of nuts being brought in, but they will not inspect all food brought into school.
- Children who DO bring in food that does contain nuts or nut products will be asked to eat that food away from any child with a nut allergy and to wash their hands before going to play. If any 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 with each other.
- Children will be encouraged to wash hands before and after eating.
- Named staff will be trained in understanding and dealing with Anaphylaxis (severe allergic reactions), including use of an epipen, and will use this training as the need arises.
- The school food providers will ensure all cooked food is nut-free.

### **Promotion**

- A copy of this policy will be sent to all parents and carers and published on the school's website.
- Staff will be informed and provided with training where required.
- Children will be made aware of the need to avoid nuts in school and the reasons why we they need to do so.

### **Review**

This policy will be reviewed every 3 years. However, procedures will remain under continual review to ensure they are as effective as possible.