

ALLERGIES AND NUT AWARENESS POLICY

Purpose

To provide a safe learning environment for all members of the Ardrossan Area School community.

To raise the awareness of severe allergies for all members of the community.

To raise the awareness of anaphylactic conditions for all members of the school community

Management

The Allergies and Nut Awareness policy will be managed by:

- Parents and caregivers being requested, where possible, **NOT** to send food to school that contains nuts (especially peanuts). This includes peanut paste, nutella, all nuts and cooking oil containing peanut oil, as well as foods containing nuts.
- Staff supervising eating at lunch time.
- Students being encouraged **NOT** to share food.
- Students being encouraged to wash hands after eating.
- Staff participate in Department for Education First Aid training, understanding and dealing with Anaphylaxis (severe allergic reactions) as the need arises.
- The School lunch provider complying with the Nut Awareness Policy.
- Students bringing food that contains nuts or nut products being asked to eat away from other students and to wash their hands before going to play.

Promotion

The policy will be promoted by:

- Parents and caregivers being informed via the newsletter and website.
- New families to the school community being informed via the Enrolment Information Package.
- Governing Council being informed and has given approval and support.
- Staff being informed and provided with training opportunities.
- Students being informed via teachers, signs and the newsletter.

Review

- This policy will be reviewed by staff and Governing Council every two years.
- 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 "Nut Awareness".

Endorsed by AAS Governing Council: 26 March 2024

Next review date: 2026