



# DUNSBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL NUT ALLERGY AWARENESS POLICY

## POLICY TO MINIMISE THE RISK TO CHILDREN WHO ARE ALLERGIC TO NUT BASED FOODS AND PRODUCTS

### **OBJECTIVE**

Dunsborough Primary School is to take reasonable steps to create an environment where the risk to children who are allergic to nut based foods and products is minimised.

### **ACTIONS**

These steps are:

1. Removing all known or readily labelled nut based foods and products from the canteen and endeavouring to ensure that none are used in the preparation of food offered for sale to children.
2. Alerting all school families of the above and requesting parents to take reasonable steps to ensure all food sent to school for consumption by children other than their own eg at a class cake-stall, is nut free and/or has not been made with any nut based products.
3. Providing all families with a list of common nut foods and nut based products that may cause a severe allergic reaction in children who have this allergy and displaying a warning notice prominently in the school canteen.
4. Creating a school rule that under no circumstances should a child share nuts or any food made from or with a nut based product with any child allergic to nuts.
5. Ensuring that all food supplied to children as part of an approved school activity eg camp, is free of all nut based products.
6. Ensuring the parents of all children in a class which has a child or children with an allergy, are contacted by the class teacher and made aware of this policy and the identity of the child or children in question and the extent of the allergy.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH NUT ALLERGIES**

While the school will take these reasonable steps in its endeavour to minimise the risk for children who are allergic to nut based foods and products:

- a) there can be no guarantee that these steps will be successful in preventing nut based products from entering the school.
- b) policy does not and is not intended to create a duty of care from the general school community to the children and the parents of children with nut allergies.
- c) The ultimate risk and responsibility lies with the children with nut allergies and with their parents.