



St Ives First School Food Allergy Policy

St Ives First School recognises that although most food intolerances produce symptoms that are uncomfortable, some people can suffer a severe food allergy with more serious consequences and in some instances these may even be life threatening. A number of pupils in the school have severe or moderate allergies to food and amongst the most common are nut and egg allergies. St Ives First School recognises that it has to provide a safe environment and aims to ensure that foods provided, brought in / or produced in the school do not contain nuts or egg as far as is reasonably possible.

The school is committed to pupil safety and therefore has created this policy to reduce the risk of children having allergy related events while in its care.

Aims

- To reduce the likelihood of a pupil with a known food allergy displaying a severe reaction to a specific food while in school.
- To foster an understanding of and sense of responsibility for the specific needs of the individual members of the school community.
- To create an awareness of the action to take should someone with a severe food allergy display its symptoms.

Parents are required to inform the school of any known food allergies that their child has. This information goes to the school office and is kept on record. Parents should update this information if any allergy is diagnosed at any stage of their child's education.

Parents must advise the school of the action that should be taken if their child develops the symptoms of an allergic reaction while in school.

All members of staff are given the names of children who have specific food allergies through the confidential information sheets issued at the beginning of each school year. Photographs of pupils with severe food allergies are displayed in the staff room.

The school will access training to enable staff to recognise the symptoms of an allergic reaction and to respond appropriately.

A number of staff have been trained in the use of the EPIPEN should a child with a known food allergy go into anaphylaxis.

All parents are asked to ensure that their child does not bring nuts or egg or foods containing nuts into school. This includes snacks, lunch box items and birthday treats.

Parents should send fruit or vegetable snacks or snacks that are store bought and have an ingredients list on the food label.

We want to minimise the risk from nuts and egg or foods containing nuts as much as is reasonably possibly.

Food provision in school

The school kitchen does not use nuts, nut oils or nut containing products in the preparation of food; but cannot guarantee that the source of manufacture is completely nut-free. The kitchen is made fully aware of food allergies.

The school does not sell foods that specifically list nut or peanut products on the ingredients list of a food label.

In the case of a pupil with multiple or unusual allergies, the school may require the parent to provide lunches and snacks to ensure the pupil's safety.

The school will attempt to avoid serving eggs, nuts or food with nuts, but cannot guarantee that products with nuts will never be present. Likewise, the school cannot monitor products sold at events attended by pupil's offsite or served on trips. But will do all that it can to minimise risk.

The school community groups will not bring nuts or eggs into school, or nut containing products, intentionally; this is part of the hiring agreement for community groups.

St Ives First School cannot guarantee that there will be nothing in the school that might trigger an allergic reaction or that a pupil or adult will never experience an allergy related event while at school. With effort and care we can, however, try together to ensure a safe environment for all our community which keeps risks to a minimum.

To be reviewed annually.

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