



## PHOENIX INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY UNIT

### NUT ALLERGY AWARENESS POLICY

#### And agreement

##### **Purpose:**

- To provide a safe learning environment for all members of the Phoenix Integrated Primary School community.
- To raise the awareness of all members of the community regarding severe allergies.

##### **Management**

##### **The Nut Aware policy will be managed by:**

- Parents and caregivers being requested **NOT** to send food to school that contain nuts. This includes peanut paste, nutella, all nuts and cooking oil containing nut oil, as well as foods containing nuts. This is especially important in Year 1 and Year 2, where young children are less able to manage their allergy.
- Staff supervising eating at lunch time.
- Pupils being encouraged **NOT** to share food.
- Pupils being encouraged to wash hands after eating.
- Staff participating in training in understanding and dealing with Anaphylaxis (severe allergic reactions) as the need arises.

- School Meals Service complying with the Nut Awareness Policy
- Students bringing food that contain nuts or nut products being asked to eat that food away from any 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
- New families to the school community being informed via the Enrolment Information Package.
- Staff being informed and provided with training opportunities
- Pupils being informed via teachers, signs and the newsletter
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\* This school acknowledges that due to food processing practices it is impractical to eliminate nuts or nut products entirely from an environment where there is food. Thus Nut "Free" School.

**“NUT FREE ZONE”**

Dear Parents

I am writing to advise you that we have some children in school who suffer from a severe allergy to nuts. Children with this condition may have a severe reaction, which could prove fatal if they come into contact with nuts.

Consequently, I would ask that **NO NUTS** or related products are brought into school at any time including packed lunch. Your agreement with this and compliance could prevent a life-threatening situation developing.

I'm sure you will appreciate the reasons for making this request and trust that you will give it your full cooperation.

If I can be of further assistance on this matter, or should you require clarification please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Please complete and sign the reply slip below and return to school as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully

Mrs H. Watson

Principal

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I \_\_\_\_\_ agree to comply fully with the school's **NUTFREE ZONE** policy. I will aim to ensure that my child does not bring any nuts or nut related products into school **at any time**, including packed lunches.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_