

PARKROYAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL

NUT AWARE STATEMENT

At Parkroyal Community School we strive to provide a safe learning environment for all pupils. Due to some of our pupils suffering with life threatening nut allergies, we have decided to become a NUT AWARE SCHOOL.

An allergic reaction (anaphylactic shock) can occur through ingestion of nut products, cross contamination and breathing nut dust in the air. Our pupils will be learning about allergies and in particular the dangers nuts can pose to some people.

Since this condition can be life threatening, we are asking all members of the school community for their help in minimising the risk to these children by:

- a) Avoiding giving children nuts or nut products (for example: Nutella) in their packed lunches
- b) Avoiding giving nuts or nut products or snacks/bars containing nuts for break time snacks
- c) Avoiding supplying the school with cakes or food items containing nuts for birthday celebrations, sales or events
- d) Avoiding sending containers such as cereal boxes for Art lessons into school which may have contained produce made with nuts

We do acknowledge that many foods are labelled as '*may have been produced in a factory handling nuts and cannot be guaranteed to be nut free*'. Such items will be allowed in school as it would be unreasonable to expect these to be kept out of school.

Please note where a member of staff notices a pupil eating a nut product, the product will be removed politely and the member of staff will explain why this has to be done. A message will then be sent to the parent to explain what has happened, so they are fully informed, and to remind them of our need to be a Nut Aware school.

Due to the severity of the problem, it is important that all parents carry out the suggested measures and reduce the risk of allergic reaction to these children.

We appreciate your co-operation and understanding in this matter.

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