



### **Purpose**

This policy is being introduced as we have children in school with nut allergies. Children have joined our academy in September who suffer from severe air-borne nut allergies. If these children come into contact with nuts or products with nuts in, they can suffer life-threatening consequences. We have taken advice on this matter and as a result the academy has adopted a "No nuts policy" from September 2017. This has been discussed and agreed by the governors and therefore we require parents NOT TO SEND IN NUT PRODUCTS for children's snacks or in their packed lunches.

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Raise awareness about allergies to all our school community
- Ensure we provide a safe learning environment for all
- Give assurance to those children/families with severe allergies that we take the management of these seriously.

### **Aim**

We are not a nut-free school but we aim to be as nut-free as we can. It is impossible to provide an absolute guarantee that no nuts will be brought onto the premises but we will strive to minimise this as much as we can.

### **Management**

We ask that all members of the school community manage the day to day application of this policy in the following ways:

- Parents and carers are requested NOT to send food to school that contains nuts. Examples of food we DO NOT want parents to send in are: packs of nuts, peanut butter sandwiches, fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts, chocolate bars such as Snickers that contain nuts, sesame seed products including rolls, Nutella, muesli bars, cakes with nuts in them or any other products that contain nuts. In general, on food products there is a section that contains allergy advice. If this says that it 'does contain nuts' or 'may contain peanuts' then we DO NOT want you to send these products into school. Many product labels say that the product 'may contain nuts' and this tends to be manufacturers being cautious, so these products are allowed to be brought into school.
- Staff will be alert to any obvious signs of nuts being brought in, but they will not inspect all food brought into school.
- Children that DO bring in food that does contain nuts or nut products will be asked to eat that food away from any child with a nut allergy and to wash their hands before going to play.



*"The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad" Psalm 126:3*

- If any actual nuts are found, they will be bagged up and sent home and this child will be asked to eat lunch away from other children and wash their hands before going out to play.
- Children will be asked NOT to share food.
- Children will be encouraged to wash hands before and after eating.
- Some staff are trained in understanding and dealing with Anaphylaxis (severe allergic reactions) and will use this training as the need arises.
- The school dinner providers will ensure all cooked food is nut-free.

### **Promotion**

The policy will be promoted by:

- A copy of this policy being made available to all parents and carers.
- Staff being informed and provided with training opportunities.
- Children being informed via teachers and support staff.
- Publication of this policy on the school website.
- Issue of the policy in the new admission packs.