

Nut Allergy Policy

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Linwood is an inclusive community that aims to support and welcome pupils with medical conditions.

We are introducing this policy as we have children in the school with severe and/or life threatening nut allergies.

We aim

- To be a nut-free school but it is impossible to guarantee that no nuts will be brought onto the premises.
- To raise awareness about allergies to our school community
- Provide a safe learning environment for all
- Give assurance to those families/children with severe allergies that we take the management of these seriously.

We request that:

- Parents/carers DO NOT send food to school that contains nuts. This includes all types of nuts, peanut butter, Nutella, cereal/chocolate bars that contain nuts.
- Staff are alert to any obvious signs of nuts being brought into school, but they will not inspect all food brought into school.
- Children who 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 out to play.
- Children do not share food
- The school kitchen will ensure all cooked food is nut free
- Staff check creams used for massage and aromatherapy oils
- Everyone checks hand creams and sun creams for nut traces.
- Classes/groups making food within the curriculum will ensure that recipes are nut free.

This policy will be made available to all parents and carers through the website and school newsletters and will be part of the new admission packs.

See the medical conditions policy for information on anaphylaxis.