

Policy & Procedure



Food Allergy Policy 2025 v1

This policy was agreed by the Governing Body of Newcroft Primary Academy on 3^{1st} March 2025 and will be reviewed annually.

Signed: _____ Chair of Governors

Date: _____

Statutory Policy

Aims of the Policy

- To reduce the likelihood of a pupil with a known food allergy displaying a severe reaction to a specific food whilst 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 symptoms.

The role of the school

Newcroft Primary Academy and Pre-School recognises that although most food intolerances produce symptoms that are uncomfortable, some people can suffer a severe reaction 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 is a nut allergy. Newcroft Primary Academy and Pre-School endeavours to provide a safe environment and aims to ensure that foods provided, brought into the school/or produced in the school, do not contain nuts as far as is reasonably possible.

Newcroft Primary Academy and Pre-School creates an awareness across the whole school on how to manage the risk of allergic reactions and asks that all our parents and carers support us by not sending nuts or nut products into school with their child.

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

The role of parents and carers

Parents and carers are required to inform the school of any known food allergies that their child has and the symptoms they may display should they have a reaction. The school also needs to know what action should be taken if a child develops the symptoms of an allergic reaction whilst in school. This information is kept securely and confidentially on the school database. For some children who have severe reactions requiring in-school medication, we may need to develop a care plan.

Parents should update this information if any allergy is diagnosed at any stage of their child's education or if their child no-longer has an allergy.

All parents and carers are asked to ensure that their child does not bring nuts or foods containing nuts into school.

Information sharing and staff training

All members of staff are made aware of the names of children who have specific food allergies. The school kitchen will be aware of the children with severe food allergies and dietary requirements.

The school will access training and information 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 EPIPENS should a child with a known food allergy go into anaphylaxis shock.

Allergen tables will be on display in the school kitchen area and also be accessible on Weduc.

The school's aim is to minimise the risk from nuts or foods containing nuts as much as is reasonably possible. The school actively promotes that it is a nut free school. This includes snacks, lunchbox items and birthday treats.

Food provision in school

The school kitchen does not use nuts, nut oils or products which may contain nuts in the preparation of food. However, the school cannot guarantee that the source of manufacture is completely nut-free. The kitchen is fully aware of the food allergens.

Newcroft provides menus for certain dietary needs e.g. gluten free, egg free, dairy free. However, in the case of a pupil with multiple or specific allergies, the school may require the parent to provide the child's lunch or snacks if the school feels this is in the best interest of the child's safety.

The school cannot monitor products sold at events attended by pupils off site and therefore parents/carers should advise their child of what they can or cannot eat. Alternatively, the school advises children to take their own snacks or food to events.

Products that are sold at in-school events such as cake stalls, will list the ingredients used or be pre-packaged containing the allergens. However, the school cannot guarantee that all the products are free of allergens. Items sent into school to celebrate birthdays or other occasions should also be pre-packaged and contain the allergen information.

Disclaimer

Newcroft Primary Academy and Pre-School cannot guarantee that there will be no products in school that may trigger an allergic reaction for some children. While every step is taken to ensure that items purchased from suppliers used to cook meals are free from allergens that may cause an allergic reaction to some children, the school cannot guarantee this. It is possible that children in the dinner hall may have items in their lunchboxes which may have been manufactured in an environment that may contain traces of nuts or other allergens.

It is important that parents/carers inform the school of any child who must not come into contact with certain products under any circumstances.