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# Nut Aware Policy



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## 1. Introduction

At the Deaf Academy there are a considerable number of individuals who have severe food allergies. The most common of these allergens are peanuts, tree nuts, eggs, fish and shellfish, soy and wheat. The most serious risk in our Academy is nut allergies which can cause life threatening anaphylactic reactions to some of our students, staff or visitors.

The Deaf Academy is a food allergy aware organisation which reflects what efforts we can all do to minimise the risk to children and young people with allergies whilst appreciating that we cannot be completely confident that all food items brought in are nut free or that an individual has not consumed nuts before coming into the Academy.

## 2. Aims

- To provide a safe learning environment for all members of the Deaf Academy community.
- To raise the awareness of all members of the community regarding severe allergies.
- To educate and promote the independence of students with allergies to prepare them for life in the wider world.

## 3. Management

- Parents, carers, students, staff and visitors being requested **NOT** to send food to the Academy that contains nuts. This includes all types of nuts, peanut butter, Nutella and food containing nuts.
- Our Academy kitchen and food are already nut free and we do not supply any ingredients in food technology that have nuts or nut derivatives.
- Staff supervising eating at lunchtime.
- Students being encouraged **NOT** to share food.
- Students being encouraged to wash hands before and after eating.
- Staff training in understanding and dealing with Anaphylaxis (severe allergic reactions) as the need arises.
- Emergency adrenaline pen on site.

## 4. Promotion

- A copy of this policy being issued to all parents and caregivers.
- Staff being informed and provided with training opportunities.
- Publication of this policy on the Academy website.
- Students being informed via teachers, support staff, health promotion and poster campaigns.
  - to be responsible when eating and handling food both inside and outside of Academy.
  - helping students to understand that foods they can enjoy eating can be also be dangerous to others.
  - encouraging students to support their class mates with allergies by eating and handling food responsibly.

## 5. Roles and responsibilities

- Jane Shann (Assistant Principal) and Tracey Crabb (Academy Nurse) responsible for Health Promotion, staff support and training
- Chris Watts (Facilities Manager) responsible for Health and Safety, Catering and Cleaning
- James Heaver (Assistant Principal) responsible for Care and Safeguarding

## 6. Controls

- Staff will be alert to any obvious signs of nuts being brought in, but they will not inspect all food brought into Academy.
- If staff do notice an individual that has brought in food that contains nuts or nut products we will ask for these items to be removed and if required an alternative will be provided from the Academy kitchen.