

GILLES STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS GUIDELINES



Context *These guidelines have been created in an attempt to reduce the potential risk for members of our community who may suffer from food allergies.*

The school acknowledges that due to food processing practices it is impractical to eliminate nuts or nuts products entirely from an environment where there is food. Thus we are a "Food Allergy Aware" School.

At various times a class teacher may ask their class to be more specific due to the needs of a child in the class.

Purpose:

- To assist in providing a safe learning environment for all members of the Gilles Street Primary School Community.
- To raise the awareness of all members of the community regarding allergies.

Management

- Staff, parents and caregivers are requested to be aware of the food they send to school that contain nuts (especially peanuts).
- Food and Nutrition education will be taught that incorporates education about food allergy and any practical activities that are planned it will be assumed that some participants may have a food related allergy.
- Food should not be supplied to children with anaphylaxis unless pre-arranged and agreed with the family.
- Food preparation will follow standard precautions to avoid cross contamination.
- Planning camps and excursions will take into account food supply services, including discussing the full menu with families.
- Risk assessments will be conducted if any fundraising activities involve food.
- Food is not given as a reward/treat.
- Students are to be seated when eating at all times.
- Staff are to supervise eating at lunch time.
- Students will be encouraged **NOT** to share food unless a shared lunch has been arranged and parents are informed.
- Students will be instructed to wash hands before and after eating.
- Students bringing food that contains nuts or nut products may be asked to eat away from any other students and to wash their hands before going to play.
- School staff will participate in training, involving understanding and dealing with anaphylaxis (severe allergic reactions) as the need arises.
- Class teachers will inform their students of these guidelines.

The guidelines will be promoted by:

- Parents and caregivers being informed via the newsletter and website
- New families to the school community being informed via the Enrolment Information Package and website.
- Staff being informed and provided with training opportunities and the guidelines will be placed in the staff information package.
- Students being informed via teachers, signs and the newsletter.