Gulfview Heights Primary School
Allergies and Nut Awareness Policy

Purpose:
- To provide a safe learning environment for all members of the Gulfview Heights Primary School community by lessening the possibility of severe allergic reactions to nuts and nut products.
- To raise awareness of all members of the community regarding severe allergies.

Management:
Where a parent of a child with an allergy to nuts or nut products has alerted the school to this fact (backed by medical evidence / documentation), the school will manage the situation in the following way:

Parents:
- Parents and caregivers being requested NOT to send food to school that contain any nuts or traces of nuts. This includes peanut butter and “Nuts about Chocolate” or “Nutella” spreads.
- Parents will be informed of this policy at the commencement of each new school year and at enrolment.

Students
- Students are encouraged NOT to share food
- Students are encouraged to wash their hands after eating.
- Students bringing food that contains nuts or nut products being asked to eat that food away from other students, and to wash their hands before going to play.

Staff
- Staff will be made aware of students who have anaphylactic responses, including nut allergies.
- Staff will supervise eating at lunch time in classrooms or another confined area
- Staff will participate in training from St John / Red Cross in understanding and dealing with Anaphylaxis (severe allergic reactions) as the need arises.
- The school canteen will comply with the Nut Awareness Policy.

Promotion:
The policy will be promoted by:
- Parents and caregivers being informed via the newsletter and other correspondence.
- New families to the school community being informed via the Enrolment Information package.
- Governing Council being kept informed about the implementation of the policy.
- Staff being informed and provided with training opportunities.
- Students being informed via teachers and newsletter.

*We acknowledge that due to food processing practices it is impractical to eliminate nuts or nut products entirely from an environment where there is food, thus we are a “Nut Aware” School.*

Review: This policy will be reviewed by staff and Governing Council every two years.

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