

## **Pimpala Primary School Allergy and Nut Awareness Policy**

### **Purpose:**

To provide a safe environment for all members of the Pimpala Primary School community.  
To raise awareness regarding severe allergies, particularly nut allergies.

**Policy Statement:** Pimpala Primary School is committed to being a "Nut Aware" school. We acknowledge that it is impractical to eliminate nuts entirely, but we strive to minimise the risk of exposure to allergens.

### **Management:**

#### **Parents/Caregivers:**

Are requested not to send food containing nuts (e.g., peanut butter, Nutella, nut biscuits) to school.  
Must provide a Health Care Plan and Emergency Procedure Plan for children with nut allergies.  
Will be informed of this policy at enrolment and the start of each school year.

#### **Students:**

Are encouraged to wash hands before and after eating.  
Must eat nut-containing foods away from other students and wash hands, face, and mouth afterward.  
Are not to share food.

#### **Staff:**

Will be informed of students with anaphylactic responses.  
Will supervise students during eating times and be vigilant regarding this policy.  
Will participate in First Aid training for anaphylaxis management.  
Will ensure no nut products are used in school activities or special food days.

#### **Promotion:**

The policy is available on the school website.  
New families and Governing Council are informed.  
Staff receive training in anaphylaxis treatment and are aware of specific students through information displayed in key areas.  
The First Aid officer manages Epi-pens and medications, ensuring they are in date.  
Staff must take Epi-pens and medical plans on camps and excursions.  
Students are informed via teachers.

#### **Emergency Preparedness:**

Maintain up-to-date Anaphylaxis Action Plans, including a photo, triggers, and emergency procedures.  
Ensure adrenaline autoinjectors are available and staff are trained in their use.

#### **Review and Update:**

The policy will be reviewed annually to incorporate new guidelines or recommendations.

#### **Implementation:**

The Principal will obtain specific medical information at enrolment for students with allergies.  
The Anaphylaxis Action Plan will be reviewed annually by the child's parents/caregiver and GP.

#### **References:**

Advice from the Australian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA) on minimising food-induced anaphylaxis risks.

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