

THURLBY COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Food Allergy Policy

Introduction

This policy has the full agreement of the Governing Body and was agreed at their meeting on 6 March 2015.

This Policy runs alongside the PSHE policy.

Thurlby Community Primary School recognises that although most food intolerances produce symptoms that are uncomfortable, some people can suffer a severe food allergy with more serious consequences and in some instances these may even be life threatening.

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

Aims

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

Parents are required to inform the school of any known food allergies that their child has. This information goes to the school office and kept on record.

Parents should update this information if any allergy is diagnosed at any stage of their child's education.

Parents must advise the school of the action that should be taken if their child develops the symptoms of an allergic reaction while at school.

All members of staff are given the names of children who have specific food allergies through the confidential information sheets issued at the beginning of each school year. Photographs of pupils with severe food allergies will be displayed in the staff room. The Senior Administrator will make lunch time supervisors aware of any pupils with severe food allergies.

The school will access training to enable staff to recognise the symptoms of an allergic reaction and to respond appropriately.

A number of staff will be trained in the use of the EPIPEN should a child be admitted to the school who has a prescribed auto injection unit.

Food Provision in School

The Farm Kitchen does not use nuts, nut oils or nut containing products in the preparation of food; but cannot guarantee that the source of manufacture is completely nut-free. Details of the allergens contained in each meal are available to parents on the Farm Kitchen website at the time of ordering and are identified on menu sheets displayed outside the school office.

In the case of a pupil with multiple or unusual allergies, the school may require the parent to provide lunches and snacks to ensure the pupil's safety.

The school will attempt to avoid serving nuts or food with nuts, but cannot guarantee that products with nuts will never be present. Likewise, the school cannot monitor products sold at events attended by pupil's offsite or served on trips but will do all that it can to minimise risk.

Thurlby Community Primary School cannot guarantee that there will be nothing in the school that might trigger an allergic reaction or that a pupil or adult will never experience an allergy related event while at school. With effort and care we can, however, try together to ensure a safe environment for all our community which keeps risks to a minimum.