



# Central Yorke School

## NUT & MELON AWARENESS GUIDELINES B-12

### CONTEXT

DfE schools are required to promote and develop learning environments that are safe and supportive. Students and staff may have anaphylactic (severe allergic) conditions that require everyone on site to take caution in what they are bringing to school in order to reduce potential harm.

We currently have a number of students on site who have severe allergic conditions associated to nuts and one who has an anaphylactic condition related to melon. This includes: watermelon, rockmelon and honeydew. Exposure to such products at school may constitute serious risk to their health and wellbeing.

While it is not possible to guarantee that the school environment will be completely free of potential nut or melon hazards, risks can be minimised by adhering with reasonable guidelines.

### PURPOSE

- To raise awareness of anaphylactic conditions for all members of the school community.
- To provide a safe school environment for all members of the school community.

### PARENTS

- Are requested not to send foods along to school with their children that contain nuts. This includes products such as Nutella, Peanut Paste, all types of nuts, peanut cooking oil and other foods such as muesli bars that may contain nuts.
- Are requested to not send any Melon products which includes: watermelon, rockmelon and honeydew.
- Will be informed of Central Yorke School's Nut and Melon Awareness Guidelines at the commencement at each school year and reminders via the Newsletter and social media.
- Will provide the school with a Health Care Plan if their child has a serious allergy.

### STUDENTS

- Will learn of the dangers associated to anaphylactic conditions so their understanding is clear and they can have compassion for their peers.
- Are advised not to share food from home.
- Are encouraged to wash hands before and after eating.

### STAFF

- Will be made aware of students and colleagues who have anaphylactic responses to allergies.
- Will supervise students during lunch eating time and be vigilant with regards to these guidelines.
- Will participate in First Aid training to understand responses and procedures related to Anaphylaxis.
- Will ensure that food provided through the Canteen, Breakfast Club, for fundraising purposes, on camps and within lessons, such as Home Ec, does not contain nuts or melons.

### PROMOTION

- These guidelines will be shared with the Governing Council and Parents and Friends group.
- Information will be distributed via the school newsletter and social media.
- Staff will be informed annually at the start of the school year and as a part of the induction process for new staff.
- New families to the school community will be informed via a copy of the guidelines in the enrolment package.

The school acknowledges that due to current food processing practices, it is impractical to eliminate nuts and nut products entirely from an environment where there is food. The emphasis is therefore on raising awareness and adopting the reasonable procedures termed as "Nut and Melon Awareness".