

LOBETHAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

ALLERGY AWARE POLICY

Rationale:

At Lobethal Primary School we believe that all children have the right to be and feel safe whilst attending our School. Our paramount concern is for the safety and well being for all children in our care. To keep our children well and safe at school, we have created our Allergy Aware Policy:

Aims:

- To work in consultation with parents/caregivers and medical practitioners to exchange information and identify allergens and triggers for each individual child.
- To ensure that every child that attends our centre with anaphylaxis has an agreed work site support plan which reflects their individual needs.
- To provide education on Allergy signs, symptoms and triggers to all children and parents.

Practices:

- Each family will receive a copy of our Allergy Aware policy and we will add the policy to our enrolment package and staff induction package.
- We will promote Allergy Aware practices through newsletters, displays, excursions and within our learning programme.
- Staff will implement food handling and hygiene safety procedures to eliminate cross contamination of food.
- Staff will ensure children wash their hands before and after eating to eliminate cross contamination.
- Staff will ensure that all tables are cleaned before and after lunch.
- Staff will ensure that children do not share food they have brought from home for their own consumption with other children
- If a function is held at school, where food is shared, staff will insist that our Allergy Aware policy will be promoted and implemented. There will be steps taken to ensure that there will be separate Allergy Aware food served. i.e. coloured plate

Nut free policy/anaphylaxis:

We have declared our School and Out of School Hours Care areas a NUT FREE zone as we have children enrolled who have a severe peanut/nut allergy. These children cannot be exposed to nuts in any form, as this will trigger an anaphylactic reaction - - that is a reaction will require an immediate injection of adrenalin, ambulance attendance and hospitalisation.

This has very serious consequences for our school and in these students best interest we have made the decision to ban all peanuts/nuts and food containing nuts within these areas.

What does this mean to parents to be nut free?

- No Peanut butter or Chocolate Hazelnut spread (ie Nutella) on food, in sandwiches, dips and snack packs etc..
- No Biscuits and cakes containing nuts/peanuts
- No Muesli bars containing nuts/peanuts
- No Chocolate containing nuts/peanuts i.e.. snickers
- No dried fruit and nut mixes
- Peanut Oil i.e.. food cooked in peanut oil

Please note that Australian made products (with known stringent manufacturing conditions) containing the warning "may contain traces of nuts" are considered to be of a relatively low risk and may be included in children's lunches and afternoon snack.