



Karoonda Preschool

Nut and Allergens Awareness Policy

DECD schools and preschools are required to provide learning environments that are safe and supportive of all students. This includes providing for the needs of students and staff who may have anaphylactic (severe allergic) conditions – including nut allergies. For these individuals exposure to allergens at school and preschool may constitute a serious risk to their health and wellbeing.

While it is not possible to guarantee that the school and preschool environment will be completely free of potential hazards, risks can be minimised by compliance with reasonable guidelines.

Please note: initially this policy is written with nut allergies in mind and will be updated to include other potential medical hazards involving allergies as the need arises.

Purpose

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

Parents:

- Are requested NOT to send food to the Karoonda Preschool and Karoonda Area School that contains nuts (or other identified allergens). This includes products such as peanut paste, Nutella', most nuts, peanut cooking oil and other foods that may contain nuts
- Will be informed of this policy at the commencement of each new school year and reminders via newsletter and at enrolment
- Will provide a care plan from the doctor if their child has a serious allergy.

Students:

- Are not permitted to share food brought from home
- Who inadvertently bring food containing traces of nuts or nut products, will not be allowed to eat that food and will be provided with an alternative. A reminder note will be sent home to parents.

Staff:

- Will be made aware of students who have anaphylactic responses, including nut allergy
- Will supervise students during lunch eating time and will be vigilant in regard to this policy
- Will participate in training every two years to understand procedures related to anaphylaxis (severe allergic reactions) as the need arises.

Promotion

The policy will be promoted by:

- Information via the school newsletter
- New families to the preschool and school community being informed via information in their enrolment package
- Governing Council being informed and giving approval and support to this policy
- Staff being informed annually and provided with training opportunities
- Students being informed via staff , signs and through the newsletter

NQS Standard: 2.1

National Regulation: 168 (2) (d)

Related Key Regulations: 90,91,92,93,94,95,96,162,169

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Endorsed by Karoonda Area School Principal and Governing Council Chairperson

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