

## RATIONALE

At Barton Primary School we promote a safe and supportive environment for all staff and students. Student and staff may have severe allergies, including anaphylactic conditions, that include nut allergies. This means exposure at school may constitute a risk to an individual's health and wellbeing. It is not possible to guarantee that the environment will be completely free of potential hazards, however compliance to reasonable guidelines will minimise risks.

We acknowledge that due to 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 reasonable procedures termed as "nut awareness" and therefore we are a "Nut Aware" school.

## AIMS

- To provide a safe and supportive environment for all staff and students
- To raise the awareness of the school and wider community regarding severe allergies

## IMPLEMENTATION

- Barton Primary School will follow directives and policies from the Department of Education in relation to the safe management of medical concerns in the school, this includes the Allergies Policy
- The school will manage being nut aware in the following ways:
  - All parents will be asked to take into consideration items that are being packed in school lunches. Where possible packing items that do not contain nuts and/or traces of nuts
  - Students will be:
    - Encouraged not to share food with other students
    - Encouraged to wash their hands after eating
  - Teachers will:
    - Supervise students eating at all times
    - Be made aware of students with allergies, including Anaphylaxis
    - Have copies of plans for students with allergies, including in CRT folders
    - Participate in training as directed by DET, in understanding and dealing with allergies and Anaphylaxis
- This policy will be readily available for the school and wider community through the School's website

## APPROVED:

Ratified by School Council: 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018



## EVALUATION

- This policy will be reviewed annually as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

