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COMMUNITY SCHOOL

ALLERGY AWARE POLICY

Leinster Community School encourages all parents and the food provider (e.g. Leinster Tavern) to avoid peanuts and the use of nut based spreads (e.g. Nutella) in the provision of snacks and lunches. In addition, students are requested not to share food.

Rationale

Allergy occurs when a person's immune system reacts to substances (i.e. allergens) in the environment that do not bother most people. Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life-threatening. It is sometimes called "allergic shock" and occurs after exposure to an allergen (e.g. peanuts and nut products) to which the child is already extremely sensitive. Anaphylaxis affects the entire body. Anaphylaxis must be treated as a medical emergency, requiring immediate treatment.





While the students themselves are aware of their allergies and can avoid the products when they're obvious, the whole school community needs to be made aware of the danger presented by peanuts and nut products.

Purpose

- To raise awareness about allergies and anaphylaxis in the school community.
- Actively involve parents/guardians of each student at risk of anaphylaxis in assessing risks, developing risk minimisation and management strategies for the student.
- Implement strategies to minimise risk to students.

Policy Details

- Leinster Community School is a "Allergy Aware" site in support of the Department of Education's Allergy Aware approach.
- The management of Health Care is a role of the Administration Team.

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- Each child with an allergy will have a health care plan that is developed in consultation with the child's parents / carers and medical practitioner. Staff members are then informed of these plans.
- Information is disseminated to the parent via the newsletter.
- Annually each teacher will raise parent awareness about our policy through teacher/parent communication.
- Information will be posted onto the school's webpage and School Stream app.
- A meeting will be held with our canteen provider, Leinster Tavern, to inform them of our policy.
- All staff will be trained to effectively use an EpiPen.
- All staff and parents will be thoughtful of the ingredients they use in birthday cakes, class party foods, foods in craft, cooking and science activities.

The significance of this policy will be brought to the attention of all staff at induction.

Ratified and endorsed by the School Board on Wednesday 9th September, 2020

