

**Peanut Allergy Awareness**  
**No Peanuts at School Please**  
**Y1-6**

From Term 4 we will have a child at school who is severely allergic to peanuts. Eating or touching peanut based products will lead to a reaction that may be quite severe and life threatening.

While children do not share food at school, an allergic reaction may be caused by transfer of the product through things like the playground, toys, pencils, hands etc.

From Term 4 onwards, we ask that children do not bring peanuts or products to school that have peanuts as a listed ingredient e.g. peanut butter, peanut brownies, peanut oil, muesli bars with peanuts.

There are however, a number of manufacturers who include the wording "may contain traces of peanuts" on their packaging. Products such as these, where there are no peanut derivatives listed as ingredients, are permitted at school.

Legal Requirements;

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- Provide a safe physical and emotional environment for students.

The Education Act 1989 states that:

- Children with special education needs have the same rights to enrol and receive education at state schools as other children.

We ask that you be vigilant as the smallest amount of peanut oil can have major consequences for some children. We endeavour to keep school a safe place for all our children and thank you for your support with this.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further please contact :

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<b>Process</b>	<b>Actions</b>
Pre-enrollment visit with Parents discussion around childrens needs. Revealed child has severe allergic reaction to Peanuts.	After discussion with parents, investigations into how other schools in New Zealand have dealt with peanut allergies. as well as online investigations into studies and processes needed or that would be necessary.
Meeting held with Health Nurse and parents to discuss needs and processes to allow student to attend school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tested by specialist last year and will be each year, showed extremely high reaction to peanuts.</li> <li>• School needs to be a peanut and peanut product free school. This may be softened when student is older.</li> </ul>

Actions for parents to prepare for school including new enrollments to Room 19.

- Apply to medic alert for an identification band.
- Send photo to school for procedure sheet.
- Epi pen in school bag?( to be further discussed) Supply in a lunch box with photo on top Antihistimine liquid and cream for less dangerous allergies.
- Parents to come to Assembly on first day we will explain new school procedure to year 1-6 students and why these are necessary.

#### Actions for school

- to ensure the student can begin school in a safe environment.
- To provide information to the community to ensure student safety.
- To put procedures in place to support safety both inside and outside the classroom.

- Present to B.O.T.
- Update policy of administering medication.
- Check first responder will have adrenaline on board as epipen only lasts 5 mins – may need to add to action plan
- Epi pen in school bag?( to be further discussed if this is the best option for accessibility and safety)
- Send note home to parents of Junior school students in newsletter about being a peanut free school.
- Put information up onto website.
- Provide packs of Wet Wipes and bins in each junior room and the Library, for students to use after eating before going into the playground.
- Provide Wet wipes in the Library for hand washing for all CTS students.
- Put medical process with photo in First aid room, relief folders. Classroom, Gym, library, and at the front of duty books for teachers on duty.
- Options teachers to take lessons in Room 19, wash hands before entering.
- Wipe down shared iPads before use.
- Desks in Room 19 to be wiped down after lunch.

#### Actions for Health Nurse

- To build staff knowledge in the prevention of an emergency by providing a safe environment.
- Educating staff of the procedures in the event of an emergency.

- To write up procedure for inside duty books in Junior school, first aid room, teacher resource rooms, classroom.
- To meet with All staff Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October to train staff to use Epi Pen and discuss changes to classes etc.
- To train students in Room 19 how to wash hands correctly, and show a DVD about allergies.