



Lady Boswell's C.E. (Aided) Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Allergy Management at Lady Boswell's School

Following the introduction of Benedict's Law, which came into force this September, we are writing to remind all families about our approach to allergy management at Lady Boswell's and the important role that we all play in keeping children safe. Children in Years 1-6 took part in an 'Allergy Awareness' assembly today so may be keen to speak with you about what they have learned when they come home this evening. Children in Year R have been spending time this term learning the safety rules in school.

We recognise that allergies can have a significant impact on children and their families. We have a number of children with severe allergies within our community and for many this is a life-threatening condition. Our Allergy Safety Policy sets out the measures we have in place to reduce the risk of allergic reactions and to ensure that children with allergies are supported, included and able to participate fully in school life. For parents of children with allergies, our Policy sets out the information we require, how we prepare care plans and manage emergency medication in school.

What we respectfully ask of *all* parents, carers, staff, pupils and volunteers:

1. **Food brought into school follows our nut-free policy.** Products containing nuts must not be brought into school, taken on school trips or brought to school events. Our policy specifically states that products containing nuts are not permitted, however products which state 'may contain traces of nuts' are permitted to be consumed by individuals. The school itself will not serve products which may contain traces of nuts to pupils.
2. **There is no sharing of food during the school day.** Volunteers, children and parents may not be aware of allergies among the community and could inadvertently expose children to allergens. Please remember that nuts are not the only allergens for some of our pupils. To this end, whilst bringing in birthday cakes or sweets to share at the end of the day has become a growing tradition, the school is no longer able to facilitate this due to our increased responsibilities around allergy management.
3. **Children are to have their own, clearly labelled water bottle and are not required to share cups or utensils.** This minimises the risk of cross-contamination of allergens.
4. **Packaging that has contained nuts or eggs cannot be used for junk modelling** in our younger years. We will maximise other types of packaging to ensure this type of play is not impacted.

Our intention is not to create unnecessary restrictions for children, but to put sensible and proportionate measures in place so that children with allergies can participate safely and confidently in school life. Our full Allergy Safety Policy is available on the school website and can be accessed [here](#).

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Hannah Pullen & Sharon Saunders

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