

ORCHARDS INFANT & JUNIOR SCHOOL



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All parents and carers are asked to provide information on any allergies their child suffers from on our registration form. We also ask again on medical consent forms should the child require medication in another setting such as a school trip. We also ask staff for information on their allergies during the induction process.

Should a child or member of staff suffer from a severe allergy a Risk Assessment and Healthcare Plan will be completed on an individual basis. For all other allergies an allergy management plan will be agreed with the input of the child's parent or staff member. We will take necessary precautions in line with the allergy management plan and risk assessment to ensure the individual's needs are met at all times. A list of children with allergies is contained in our medical booklet and this should always be consulted prior to activities such as cooking etc. where allergies may be a factor. All staff are expected to help any child with an allergy to manage the risk and specific strategies may be employed at times such as lunchtimes to minimize the threat to exposure. Examples we have employed would be the use of dedicated dining areas for allergy sufferers. We also aim to ensure that the child does not feel isolated or their entitlement to a full provision is compromised where at all possible

We encourage members of the school community to be aware of common allergies and discourage them from bringing in items that may cause a problem but it is impossible to provide an absolute guarantee that we can be totally free from items causing allergies such as nuts. There is a strong case for arguing that food-allergic children will gain a better awareness of their allergies if they are vigilant of the potential threats.