

Abbotsholme School Policy on Nuts and Other Food Allergies

Abbotsholme School recognises that food allergies are of serious concern and understands that parents and pupils require some assurance as to its position. In recognition of this, the school continues to implement its policy for no nuts or peanuts throughout the School. This policy is effective in all areas of the school, both on and off site. On site this will include the tuck shop, food technology, catering department and boarding houses.

We work to the current Food Standards Agency guidelines as of 13/12/2014 in addition to working very closely with our suppliers to identify and remove any products that contain these ingredients. Whole and flaked nuts have been removed from our supplier listings however certain products are labelled as 'may contain traces of nuts' and 'made in a factory where nuts are used'. In these cases assurances have been given by the suppliers that the trace elements will be extremely small and in a majority of cases, none will be present. At present, these products have continued to be used within the school.

We anticipate that senior school pupils will seek further advice and support from health centre or catering staff with regard to food allergies when choosing meals. In relation to junior school pupils, we seek further clarification from the parent and provide individual support as appropriate when the pupil uses the dining room.

The school takes the issue of food safety very seriously and will clearly respond and communicate any changes to this policy as more research is completed and made available. If you have any queries or wish to discuss any points further then please contact the School directly.

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