

IMPORTANT URGENT INFORMATION – PEANUT SAFE & ALLERGY AWARENESS POLICY

The Board of Management of Castletroy College has a duty of care to take all reasonable steps to keep pupils, staff and members of the wider school community safe at school. This school year we have students with severe peanut allergies. **Castletroy College, recognizing that food allergies may be severe and even life threatening, has implemented a Peanut Safe and Allergy Awareness Policy.**

While considering all options to manage food allergy exposure at our school, we realised that any compromise to this policy would present an increased safety risk. We feel it is our duty as a school community to reduce that risk as much as possible and implementing this Peanut Safe and Allergy Awareness Policy is the best way to do this. We thank you for helping us maintain a safe environment for all of our students.

We ask that **no peanuts** of any kind be brought into our school for any reason. Foods sent in for snack, lunch, or any class event (including parties, field trips, etc.) should be carefully checked to make sure they are peanut free. Each member of the school community can help ensure that our school stays peanut free by reading packaging labels and reminding children not to share food with other children at school. We need to make sure that there is little opportunity for a child to be exposed to foods that could harm him/her.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY

- Please ensure that **no** kind of **peanut** is brought to school, including the following:
- Peanut butter or crackers with peanut butter
- Any muesli bar, biscuit or other product that list peanuts as an ingredient
- Anything cooked in peanut oil or other nut oil that has been cold pressed, expelled or extruded
- Please make sure that you always check the labels on the food you are sending in to school.
- Food labels that say: — “May contain peanut” are **NOT OK** to bring to school.
- Food labels that say: — “Made on equipment that also processes peanuts” are **NOT OK** to bring to school.
- Food labels that say: — “Processed in a facility that also processes peanuts” are **NOT OK** to bring to school.

Students of Home Economics are asked to be extra vigilant of food labels that say “May contain peanut”, “Made on equipment that also processes peanuts”, “Processed in a facility that also processes peanuts” in advance of all cookery practicals in school.

Parents of students with life-threatening allergies must provide Castletroy College with emergency medications and a written medical treatment protocol for their student for addressing allergy-related events. The School will maintain the medication and information. Parents are responsible to educate their child about managing his/her allergy at school.

Castletroy College cannot guarantee that a student will never experience an allergy-related event while at school. Castletroy College is committed to student safety, and therefore has created this policy to reduce the risk that children with allergies will have an allergy-related event.

We appreciate your cooperation with this policy and your help in keeping our students safe and healthy. Please do not hesitate to contact us directly if you need any further information about the above.

