



# Kismet Park Primary School

*Building the Foundations for Success and Happiness*

Dear Parents,

The health and wellbeing of our students is a paramount concern to us. Our commitment to the inclusiveness of all children and their safety is of utmost importance.

We would like to take this opportunity to raise student and school community awareness about severe allergies in order to limit potential dangers of exposure to life threatening food allergies and to reduce cross contamination between different foods for students and staff.

Kismet Park Primary therefore has a “No Food Sharing” Practice during recess and lunch eating times. This practice will not infringe on the food that parents provide for their own child.

Furthermore, although allergies are on the rise, Kismet Park Primary School does not have a ‘No Nuts Total Ban’ but instead, we wish to focus on educating all children about allergies. Please support us by sharing this important information with your children.

Kismet Park strives to:

- Maintain good health and hygiene of students;
- Minimise the risk to students at this school who have allergies and anaphylactic reactions; and
- Allow easy identification of ingredients by encouraging pre-packaged foods as they have clear, documented allergen warnings and identify any potential risk.

Staff, students and parents need to ensure there is:

- No sharing or trading of snacks and lunches at school;
- All food provided for classroom parties or for birthday celebrations must be purchased from a commercial supplier (e.g. Woolworths, Coles etc.) and contain an ingredients label identifying known allergens. All foods given to students during normal school hours for these reasons must therefore come from an identifiable source and be presented in a sealed, original container / package with the manufacturer and all ingredients clearly identified; and
- No home-cooked or prepared food is to be shared in the classroom with other students. Food prepared in homes may only be given by the parent/guardian to their own son, daughter or dependent and not shared with other students.

Our staff attend regular training and updates in recognising and responding appropriately to an allergic reaction.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you for helping to support our school community.

Kind regards,

Davina Rowell

First Aid Coordinator