**CORE PURPOSE STATEMENT:**

At Westbury Park School we value and respect one another. Our learning community inspires and challenges us to do our best, to develop confidence to make positive choices in a changing world, so that together we discover tomorrow.

**PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT**

Although we recognise that this cannot be guaranteed, Westbury Park School aims to be a Nut Free School. This statement services to set out all measures that we take to reduce the risk to those children who may suffer an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nuts to which they are sensitive. To this end we do not allow nuts or nut products in school lunch boxes or snacks.

Our “Nut Free policy” means that the following items should not be brought into school:

* Pack of nuts
* Peanut butter sandwiches
* Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
* Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
* Sesame seed rolls or products that contain sesame seeds
* Cakes made with nuts

We have a policy to not use nuts in any of our foods prepared onsite and our suppliers provide us with nut free products.

**Definition**

Anaphylaxis (also known as anaphylactic shock) is an allergic condition that can be severe and potentially fatal. Anaphylaxis is your body’s immune system reacting badly to a substance (an allergen), such as food, which it wrongly perceives as a threat. The whole body can be affected, usually within minutes of contact with an allergen, although sometimes the reaction can happen hours later.

**Staff**

Staff and volunteers must ensure they do not bring in or consume nut products in school and ensure they follow good hand washing practice.

Epi Pen trained staff are named First Aiders and are on site during the school day.

**Parents and Carers**

Parents and carers must notify staff of any known or suspected allergy to nuts and provide all medical and necessary information. This will be added to the child’s care plan.

**Children**

All children are regularly reminded about good hygiene practice of washing hands before and after eating which helps to reduce the risk of secondary contamination. Likewise children are reminded and carefully supervised to minimise the act of sharing with friends.

**Health Plans and Emergency Response**

We have individual Health Care Plans for those children with allergies with relevant medication stored and administered in accordance with our Administration Policy.