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Harlequins Nut Free Policy

Although we recognise that this cannot be guaranteed, Harlequins Theatre School aims to be a Nut-Free school.

This policy serves to set out all measures to reduce the risk to those children and adults who may suffer an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nuts to which they are sensitive. We do not allow nuts or nut products in snacks and lunches brought to class.

Our “Nut-Free Policy” means that the following items should not be brought into Harlequins:

- Packs of nuts
- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
- Cakes made with nuts

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

- Caution must be taken at certain times of year such as Easter and Christmas.

If Staff distribute confectionary, care must be taken to ensure that no nuts are included in the product. Fruit sweets such as Haribo are a better alternative. Particular products that are a cause for concern are: -Celebrations –Roses –Heroes –Quality Street.

All product packaging must be checked for warnings directed at nut allergy sufferers and if the following or similar are displayed, the product must not be used in school. Packaging must be checked for:

- Not suitable for nut allergy sufferers;
- This product contains nuts;
- This product may contain traces nuts;
- Indicating this is unsuitable for school consumption.

All Harlequins staff are Epi Pen trained and First Aiders