

NUT ALLERGY IN SCHOOL CHILDREN

Questionnaire for Head teachers

**Please complete the short questions below and return the questionnaire in the pre-paid envelope. Your responses will be a valuable source of information in our preparation of a strategy and guidelines for the care of school children with nut allergy. All information is analysed anonymously and confidentially.*

- 1. The number of children in your school
- 2. i. Number of children currently known to have nut allergy
- ii. Have you had any children with nut allergy in the past Y/N
- 3. Number of children needing medication in school for nut allergy.
- 4. Does each nut allergic child have a support assistant. If yes, at what times?
Please answer below for each child.

	Support assistant	Times
Child 1.	Y/N	
Child 2.	Y/N	
Child 3.	Y/N	

If more children, please provide information below:
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- 5. i. What medications are available in school for each child.
- Child 1.
- Child 2.....
- Child 3.....

Please provide information below if additional children:
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- 6. Where is the medication stored

ii. Is the storage place readily accessible at all times YES / NO

Please give details.....

7. Who is trained to administer the medications in your school? Please state below and give any additional information:

8. What signs of an allergic reaction would you look for in the case of a

i. mild reaction

ii. severe reaction.....

9. What action would you take if a child has a reaction. Please list in order?

- 1.....
- 2.....
- 3.....
- 4.....
- 5.....

10. What dietary or other preventative advice has been given to the school staff and by whom?

11. Do you have a protocol for children with nut allergy? Y/N

If Yes please give details below:

12. Do you require more information about nut allergy? Y/N

Comments:

SECTION B. **Please tick as appropriate*

	YES	NO	DON'T KNOW
1. Our school is a 'nut free zone'
a. No nuts are allowed in school
b. No food with nut traces or nut oils is allowed in school
2. All our school dinners are 'nut free'
3. All teachers are given information about nut allergy in this school
4. Dinner supervisors and other assistants are given information regarding nut allergy
5. The cook / catering service are aware of all the children with nut allergy
6. Our insurance adequately covers us to administer all necessary medications

SECTION C

	<i>strongly disagree</i>	<i>disagree</i>	<i>No view either way</i>	<i>agree</i>	<i>agree strongly</i>
1. a.All schools should be 'nut free zones'
b.All school dinners should be nut free
2. Parents usually provide us with adequate information about children with nut allergy
3. Local arrangements and guidelines are sufficient to deal with the problem of children with nut allergy
4. There should be National guidelines Regarding nut allergy in schools
5. We feel confident that we can deal with a child suffering an allergic reaction in school
6. Nut Allergy is potentially lethal
	<i>strongly disagree</i>	<i>disagree</i>	<i>No view either way</i>	<i>agree</i>	<i>agree strongly</i>

7. Teachers are adequately informed about nut allergy

8. Children requiring an epi-pen (or other adrenalin injection) should carry one on themselves

ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS PLEASE STATE BELOW

How do you feel about giving the Epi-pen injection?

COMMENTS:

(Please mention any problems or useful ideas that may improve the management of these children in school)