

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Salisbury, North Carolina

Policy for an Allergy Aware, Nut-Free Environment

Rationale: We have children attending our Sunday School, DaySchool, First Kids and other programs for children at First Presbyterian Church with food allergies, particularly nut allergies. Some of these allergies are so severe that if any contact is made with peanuts in any form, their lives are at risk. Because we are protectors and advocates for all children, we are striving to be a nut-free, allergy aware facility.

- No Peanut Butter, Peanuts or foods potentially containing nuts or nut products will knowingly be used in programs for children.
- Teachers in the DaySchool, church staff, and volunteers working in the Sunday School, First Kids and other children's programs in the church will be informed of this policy and receive information and training regarding nut allergies.
- Parents will be responsible for notifying the DaySchool Director and /or the Director of Christian Education and their child's classroom teacher of their child's allergies. Parents will be requested to complete forms documenting their child's allergies, necessary emergency procedures, and emergency contact information. This information will be shared with classroom teachers and volunteers in children's programs.
- Parents will work with the church staff to develop a plan that will accommodate the needs of their child.

Student's Responsibility

- Should not trade food with others.
- Should not eat anything with unknown ingredients or known to contain any allergen.
- Should be proactive in the care and management of their food allergies and reactions based on their developmental level.
- Should notify an adult immediately if they eat something they believe may contain the food to which they are allergic.

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