

# SY 2024-2025 Food Guidelines for Parents

At DKFI, ensuring the safety of all students, especially those with food allergies, is a top priority. To prevent allergic reactions and create a safe environment, we have implemented the following guidelines for all parents to follow. Your cooperation is essential in keeping our children safe.

## 1. Allergy Information & Communication

- Review your child's profile in the Student Information System (SIS) to confirm that all allergy information is current.
- For severe allergies, provide additional Epi-pens and clear documentation for emergency protocols.
- If your child develops a new allergy or their allergy information changes, notify Nurse Love and the school administration.

## 2. Snacks & Celebrations Guidelines

- Students are not allowed to share food at school to prevent cross-contamination of allergens. Please remind your child of this important rule.
- Food-based events are only permitted if they have been pre-approved in writing by Nurse Love and the school administration. Please fill out [this form](#) if the teacher has planned a food-related event.
- If you send food items to school, they must be store-bought with clear ingredient labels. Homemade snacks are not allowed; this policy helps us verify that the food is safe for all students.

## 3. Staff Training & Parent Support

- Our staff completed a 45-minute allergy awareness and emergency response training on October 1, 2024. Students will also participate in class discussions about the importance of allergy safety and why food sharing is prohibited. Feel free to ask your child's teacher for more details on this.
- Please talk to your children about the dangers of food allergies and reinforce the importance of following these safety rules at school.

## 4. Emergency Procedures

- Each child with a known allergy has a personalized Emergency Action Plan. Our staff is trained to respond swiftly and appropriately in case of an allergic reaction.
- You will be notified promptly if an allergy-related incident involves your child. We will carefully review the situation and implement all the necessary adjustments to ensure safety.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact: Nurse Love @ [linda.love@pgcps.org](mailto:linda.love@pgcps.org), James Spence @ [james.spence@pgcps.org](mailto:james.spence@pgcps.org), Sandrine Boukabara @ [sandrine.boukabara@pgcps.org](mailto:sandrine.boukabara@pgcps.org), or Aby Koundoul @ [aby.koundoul@pgcps.org](mailto:aby.koundoul@pgcps.org)

## In short:

**Update your child's allergy info in the Student Information System (SIS).**

**Remind your child *not* to share food at school.**

**All food events are to be pre-approved by Nurse Love and the administration.**

**Only store-bought snacks with labels are allowed; *no* homemade food.**