



St. Raphael School and Nursery School

Nut Aware Policy

As with the general population, St. Raphael School and Nursery School are conscious of children with severe nut allergies, including potentially life-threatening anaphylactic reactions. With this in mind, we have implemented a heightened awareness policy for the prevention of our students having an allergic reaction to the best of our ability. While both St. Raphael School and Nursery School strive to keep our students with nut allergies safe, we cannot guarantee that our facility is nut-free. This is in part due to the way foods are processed at off-site facilities and church and other group events that are held here.

We ask that our families adhere to our Nut-Aware policy by doing the following:

- Food containing peanuts or tree nuts will not be sent to school
- Students may not share food at lunch or snack time
- A “safe snack” is provided by the parent of the student with a nut allergy, in case a treat or snack has been sent in which may have been processed in a facility that is not nut-free
- Food sent in for birthdays and/or class parties may not contain peanuts or tree nuts

In the spirit of being more inclusive, the following website (updated monthly) is suggested www.snacksafely.com for a listing of safe alternatives that everyone can enjoy. We appreciate all efforts to make our facility as safe as possible for all who use it.

If you have questions regarding our nut-aware policy, contact the school nurse, [Judy Kettl](#), at 301-762-2143.