

Over the past few years, École Lumsden Elementary School has employed a "Nut Managed" policy. "Nut Managed" meant that the decision whether to allow nuts or not allow nuts was made on a classroom by classroom basis. Because students generally made few transitions from class to class, and the prevalence of allergies to nuts was relatively low, the policy seemed to work at the time.

The current landscape is much different. This year, students will experience mandated 31 minute classes and will transition often from room to room, making control / containment of allergens very difficult. Also, early indications are that the number of students reporting allergic response to nuts (ingestion and contact) is on the rise. These food allergies can be life – threatening, with reactions ranging from mild irritation to severe anaphylaxis.

In an effort to employ best practice and enhance the overall safety of the learning environment for our students, LES will become a "NUT SENSITIVE" school effective immediately. This aligns our practices with those of our partner Lumsden High School and with those of Prairie Valley School Division.

From PVSD Administrative Procedure AP-6160 "Life Threatening Allergies":

. While the Division cannot guarantee an allergen-free environment, the Division will take reasonable steps to provide an allergy-safe and allergy-aware environment for students and staff with life-threatening allergies. Although the prevention of severe allergic response is the goal, it is necessary to prepare for the possibility of an emergency due to the inability to control all the potential risk factors.

**École Lumsden Elementary School
is a Peanut and Tree-nut
Sensitive School**

Please do not **bring Peanuts, Tree-Nuts**
or products made with **Peanuts**
or **Tree-Nuts** into this school.

Please wash hands.
Clean hands help you to stay healthy
and keep your friends safe.

Thank You!

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