

## **Peanut-free school**

Wesperloh School has set itself the goal of creating a largely peanut-free zone. In doing so, we want to offer children and adults with severe peanut allergies the greatest possible safety within our school community.



To achieve this goal, it is necessary to completely refrain from consuming products containing peanuts on the entire school premises. We therefore ask all parents, pupils and staff at our school not to bring or consume any products containing peanuts.

Food containing peanuts or peanut ingredients should also be avoided in the school canteen and at school events (e.g. summer party, biscuit baking, project days). All course instructors and freelance staff will also receive the relevant information.

### **Background**

Several pupils and other people at our school suffer from severe peanut allergies. In some cases, even the slightest trace of peanuts can trigger serious allergic reactions, including anaphylactic shock. Even opening a packet of peanut flips or a corresponding muesli bar can be dangerous.

Compared to other foods, peanuts have a particularly high allergenic potential as they contain numerous different allergens.

### **Further information**

- Foods labelled 'May contain traces of peanuts' may still be brought to school but should not be offered to affected children and adults.
- Parents of pupils with a known peanut allergy are asked to always order the appropriate allergy-friendly meals from the caterer.
- If there is an allergy to another food in a class that poses a significant health risk, the class teacher, in consultation with the GBS group management, can inform the parents and children of this class in writing and at the parents' evening about appropriate measures within the class community.
- When distributing food at school, all staff must bear in mind that children may also have other allergies or intolerances (e.g. coeliac disease, etc.) that a child of this age may not always be aware of.