

# Allergies & Allergic Reactions Policy

As a Centre, we are aware that a child may suffer from allergies and that reactions can range from mild to severe. Our aim is to ensure staff are fully aware of how to support a child who may be having an allergic reaction.

## Information Sharing

Parents have a duty to share any relevant information relating to their child's allergies to staff in the Centre. Centre staff will work with parents to ensure the 'Allergy and Additional Needs' section on the Child Information Form is completed fully. These forms remain accessible to room teams. When required staff will create a care plan for the child detailing the course of action to be taken in the event of an allergic reaction. Individual play areas will display allergy information to ensure all staff working in the room are aware of a child's specific individual needs.

## Reaction, Prevention & Aid

- Food prepared for a child with an identified food related allergy will be prepared in an area where the risk of contamination is limited. In line with the Food Standards Agency requirements allergen information will be displayed on all menus.
- Centre staff will work with parents and families to ensure a child with specific food allergies has their needs met within the Centre. This may include designing an appropriate menu or substituting specific meals on the current Centre menu.
- If a child has an allergic reaction to food, a bee sting, plant etc. a Paediatric First Aid trained member of staff will administer appropriate first aid treatment. Parents will be informed and a record made in the incident file. Should a child have an identified allergy requires specialist treatment, e.g. an epi-pen, Centre staff will receive specific medical training to enable them to effectively administer the treatment to the child. Should the child require further medical attention staff will follow the appropriate course of action; advise parents to see a GP, advise parents to seek medical advice or call 999 and contact parents.
- All incidents will be recorded, shared with and signed by parents at the earliest opportunity.

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<b>Signed on behalf of the Centre</b>	Fiona Hakin
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