

Allergies and food intolerance procedure

When a child starts at the setting, parents are asked if their child has any known allergies or food intolerance. This information is recorded on the registration form.

- If a child has an allergy or food intolerance,
- the risk identified – the allergen (i.e. the substance, material or living creature the child is allergic to such as nuts, eggs, bee stings, cats etc.)
- the level of risk, taking into consideration the likelihood of the child coming into contact with the allergen
- control measures, such as prevention from contact with the allergen
- review measures
- Parents will inform us of the reaction
 - the nature of the reaction e.g. anaphylactic shock reaction, including rash, reddening of skin, swelling, breathing problems etc.
 - managing allergic reactions, medication used and method (e.g. EpiPen)

If a child requires medicine then a medical permission form will be completed.

If a child requires an inhaler or EpiPen then a care plan will be asked for from the doctors.

- The child's name will be added to the school list of medical conditions and shared with all staff.
- A copy of any medical care plans will be kept for staff to refer to
- Parents show staff how to administer medication in the event of an allergic reaction. In the case of an EpiPen, then all staff will be trained by a medical professional
- Parents send in lunchboxes from home
- The setting will inform parents of any planned activities which involve cooking or trying new food.

Oral Medication

- Oral medication must be prescribed or have manufacturer's instructions written on them.
- Staff must be provided with clear written instructions for administering such medication.
- All risk assessment procedures are adhered to for the correct storage and administration of the medication.
- The setting must have the parents' prior written consent. Consent is kept on file.

Please refer to administering medicine policy

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