



SWALLOWCLIFFE

PreSchool

Allergies Policy

Purpose:

- To provide a safe learning environment for all children in the PreSchool by lessening the possibility of allergic reactions to allergies.
- To raise awareness to all families in the PreSchool regarding severe allergies.

Management:

Where a parent of a child with a severe allergy to any substance has alerted the PreSchool to this fact (backed by medical evidence/documentation), the Centre will manage the situation in the following way:

Parents

- Parent/Caregivers are to fill out the child's enrolment regarding the allergy information.
- Parent/Caregivers are to provide the Centre with a health plan from a health practitioner and labelled medication.
- Parents/Caregivers are to update any information regarding the allergy, for example change of medication, other allergies that occur and ensure the child's medication is in date.

Community

- Families will be informed by letter NOT to send food to Preschool containing the substance when there is a child on site with a severe allergy.
- Families will be informed of this policy when they enrol their children at the Centre via the information booklet received on enrolment.

Staff

- To inform families if the nut policy/allergy policy is needed to be in place
- Staff will be made aware of children who have anaphylactic reactions, including nut and egg allergies.
- Staff will supervise children eating.
- Staff will participate in training to understand how to deal with Anaphylaxis if the need arises.
- Children's cooking lessons will comply with children's needs at the time.

Children

- Children are NOT to share food.
- Children will be encouraged to wash their hands before and after they eat.
- Children bringing food that contains the particular substance will be asked to take it home and other food will be supplied for them. This food will be kept up high away from all children until home time.

Promotion:

The policy will be promoted by:

- Families being informed via the newsletter and other correspondence.
- New families to the centre being informed via the Enrolment Information package.
- Staff being informed and provided with training opportunities.
- Students being informed via teachers.

We acknowledge that due to food processing practices it is impractical to eliminate nuts or nut products entirely from an environment where there is food, thus we are a "Nut Aware" Centre.

Governing Council endorsed August 2012

Review: This policy will be reviewed by staff every year or when needed.

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