



SWALLOWCLIFFE

PreSchool

Anaphylaxis

Purpose:

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

Management:

Where a parent of a child with an allergy to nuts, nut products, eggs or other foods has alerted the PreSchool to this fact (backed by medical evidence/documentation), the PreSchool will manage the situation in the following way:

Parents

- Parent/Caregivers are to fill out the child's enrolment regarding the allergy information.
- Parent's/Caregivers are to provide the PreSchool 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 are requested NOT to send food to school containing the particular substance. This will be determined by the allergy at the time.
- Families will be informed of this policy when they enrol their children at the PreSchool via the information booklet received on enrolment and the meeting with the Community Liaison Worker.

Staff

- Staff will be made aware of children who have anaphylactic reactions, including nut and egg allergies.
- Staff will supervise children eating.
- Food preparation will follow standards and precautions to avoid cross contamination.
- Staff will be aware not to use inappropriate food as fundraising exercises.
- Staff will participate in professional development to understand how to deal with Anaphylaxis, auto injectors and allergies. Staff are aware that at all times there needs to be one educator with this training at the PreSchool.
- Staff will keep the garden tidy and maintained eg grass cut to stop been being attracted to weeds
- Children's cooking lessons and celebrations will comply with the Allergies Policy and risk assessments will take place before determining if each activity takes place.
- Safe, labelled storage will be provided for all medication.
- Families are regularly informed about allergy aware policy and made aware if there is a child at the PreSchool with an allergy or anaphylaxis.

Children

- Children are NOT to share food.
- Children will be encouraged to wash their hands before eating.
- Children bringing food that contains the substance will be asked to take it home and other food will be supplied for them. This food will be kept out of reach of the children and given to the parent at home time.
- Food will not be given as a treat.
- Part of the children's education on nutrition will cover allergies.
- Food will not be supplied to children with allergies.

- Children will be encouraged to self manage while staff acknowledge their responsibility to emergencies.

This policy is to be used in conjunction with the 1st Aid/Infectious diseases and medical condition policy.

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.

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

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