



SWALLOWCLIFFE PRESCHOOL Allergies/Anaphylaxis Policy

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 a severe allergy to any substance 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/Caregivers are to provide the Preschool with a health plan from a health practitioner and labelled medication.
- Medication needs to be provided in a labelled container with a signed Department medication form including appropriate information regarding expiry date, dosage and storage instructions.
- Parents/Caregivers are to update staff of any information regarding the allergy (eg. change of medication or dosage, ensure the child's medication is in date, appearance of new allergies).

Community

- Families are requested NOT to send food to Preschool containing the particular substance when there is a child on site with a severe allergy. This will be determined by the allergy at the time. Food allergy information will be displayed on the Parent Board for Families when required.
- Families will be regularly informed of this policy via enrolment meetings, the Preschool website and skoolbag app. Families are informed if there is a child at the Preschool with an allergy or Anaphylaxis.

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Staff

- All Staff will inform families if the Allergies/Anaphylaxis Policy is active and advertise that we are a nut/egg aware Preschool.
- All Staff will be made aware of children who have anaphylactic reactions, including nut and egg allergies.
- All Staff will supervise children eating and monitor known allergens.
- All Staff will participate in professional development to understand how to deal with anaphylaxis, auto injectors and allergies if the need arises. Staff are aware that there needs to be one educator with this training at all times.
- All children's cooking experiences will comply with children's needs at the time. Food preparation will follow standard precautions to avoid cross contamination.
- Planning of excursions, incursions, fundraising and celebration events will take into account all allergies.
- Dynamic risk benefit assessments will take place before each activity.
- Safe, labelled storage will be provided for all medication. First aid will be recorded. Facilities and equipment standards will be met.
- All Staff will incorporate food, nutrition and allergies into the curriculum.

Children

- Children are NOT to share food unless under supervision eg special event.
- Children will be encouraged to wash their hands before and after they eat.
- Children bringing food that contains said allergens (eg. Nuts/eggs) will be monitored. All staff will conduct a dynamic risk assessment regarding the likelihood of an anaphylactic reaction. Children bringing food that contains said allergens will eat their food in the Preschool kitchen with a staff member if required. Staff will support the child to wash their hands and face after eating before rejoining the group.
- Food will not be given as a reward.
- Food will not be supplied to children with allergies or anaphylaxis without informed consent by parents/caregivers.
- Children will be encouraged to self-manage while staff acknowledge their duty of care and responsibility to emergencies.

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

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Promotion:

The policy will be promoted by:

- Families being informed via the newsletter/skoolbag app and other correspondence.
- New families to the Preschool being informed via enrolment meetings.
- Staff being informed via staff meetings and being 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. We also support healthy food choices; thus, we are a "Nut Aware" and "Egg Aware" Preschool.

Endorsed by Governing Council

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