

Policy Statement

We provide care for children and promote health through identifying allergies and preventing contact with the allergenic substance through preventing cross infection of viruses and bacterial infections.

Procedures for children with allergies

- When parents register their child at the setting, they are asked if their child suffers from any known allergies. This is recorded on the admission form.
- Parents will complete a personal care plan for the child with details of allergy and what to do in the event of an emergency
- A risk assessment form is then completed to detail the following:
 - The allergen (i.e. the substance, material or living creature is allergic to such as nuts, eggs, bee stings, cats etc).
 - The nature of the allergic reactions e.g. anaphylactic shock reaction, including rash, reddening of the skin, swelling, breathing problems etc.
 - What to do in case of allergic reactions, any medication used and how it is to be used (e.g. EpiPen).
 - Control measures – such as how the child can be prevented from contact with the allergen.
- Personal care plans and risk assessment will be kept in the 'care plan' file in the office, in the room that the child attends and if relevant, in the kitchen where food is served
- Allergies and special dietary requirements will be displayed on the wall in all areas where food is served
- Parents train staff in how to administer special medication in the event of an allergic reaction.
- All staff have completed allergy training

Insurance requirements for children with allergies and disabilities

The insurance will automatically include children with any disability or allergy but certain procedures must be strictly adhered to as set out below. For children suffering life threatening conditions, or requiring invasive treatments; written confirmation from your insurance provider must be obtained to extend the insurance.

At all times the administration of medication must be compliant with the Welfare Requirements of the *Early Years Foundation Stage* and follow procedures based on advice given in *Managing Medicines in Schools and Early Years Settings*.