



MEDICAL ALLERGY AWARE

Policy Statement

Our service is **Allergy Aware** and work with families to ensure a safe environment is provided

Policy Implementation

- Parents are required to provide detailed information regarding the child's allergy or intolerance on enrolment
- Management may ask the family to provide a letter from the child's General Practitioner stating the condition or onset of allergy/intolerance
- An Action Plan, Risk Minimisation Plan and Communications Plan stating reactions to allergies will be required on enrolment
- Parents are encouraged to be pro-active in meeting and discussing with the Food Coordinator alternatives to the displayed menu. This enables the service to continue to meet the child's individual daily nutritional needs
- Staff will monitor food products but cannot guarantee the elimination of a food product
- Allergy Charts will clearly be displayed in the Important Child information folder, and staff made aware of the children's allergies and intolerances
- On induction staff will be made aware of children with allergies
- **Parents are not permitted to bring in food products unless authorised by the Service Director**
- The centre has a EpiPen on sight at the chance of an anaphylactic reaction
- A staff member with Anaphylaxis and First Aid training is always on premises during operating hours (Education and Care National Regulations 2012 – Regulation 246)
- Educators will implement strategies to educate children on allergies and the importance of not sharing food
- Foods labelled "may contain traces of nuts" or foods that may have been manufactured in presence of nuts will not be given to children with an allergy or potential allergy to any nut products

Policy Sources

Legislation

Education and Care Services National Regulations 2012 – Regulation 85, 86, 87, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 136, 173 (2)(f), 245, 246, 247
Education and Care Services National Law (WA) Act 2012 – Section 169
National Quality Framework
Early Years Learning Framework/ My Time Our Place Framework – Outcome 1, 2, 3

Centre Documents

Parent Handbook, Enrolment Form, Staff Roster, Administering Medications Procedure, Anaphylaxis and Asthma Management Policy, Managing Medical Conditions Policy, First Aid Administration Policy

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