



Stepping Stones

Allergy Management Policy

EYFS Requirement

This policy has been written in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare requirements.

Related Policies

Child Protection Policy
Inclusion Policy
Equal Opportunities Policy
Partnerships Policy
Food and Drink Policy
Medication Policy

Legislation

Working Together to Safeguarding Children
Children Act 1989
Children Act 2004 (Every Child Matters)
Children Act 2006

Introduction

At Stepping Stones we are aware that children may have allergies which may cause allergic reactions. We will follow this policy to ensure allergic reactions are prevented and staff are fully aware of how to support a child who may be having an allergic reaction.

Our Practice

- Information passed on through parents from the registration form regarding allergic reactions will be shared with all the staff in the nursery
- The nursery manager will carry out a care plan with the parents/carers prior to the child starting at nursery

Allergic Reaction Procedure

- If a child has an allergic reaction a first aid trained member of staff will administer the appropriate treatment and the parents will be informed.

- If the treatment requires specialist treatment then at least two members of staff will receive specific medical training to be able to administer the treatment.
- If the allergic reaction is severe then a member of staff will call an ambulance immediately.
- No member of staff will attempt to transport a sick/ill child in their own vehicle
- Whilst waiting for the ambulance a member of staff should contact the emergency contact and arrange to meet them at the hospital.
- A senior member of staff must accompany the child to the hospital along with registration, care plan, medication forms and any medication administered.

Food Allergy

- Children's allergic reactions are detailed by the parents/carers in a special form at the point of registration. Any changes to the allergy information must be put in writing by the parent/carer, signed and handed to the manager.
- Children 's allergies are identified on the allergy form displayed in the kitchen and each individual room.
- All members of staff are responsible for monitoring allergies
- Children with allergies are monitored by staff to ensure there is no exchange of food between children.
- Where possible the menu is altered to accommodate allergies, trying to prevent allergy foods from being served on the days the child with the allergy is in.
- Food is prepared in a separate bowl using separate utensils etc in the kitchen for the children with allergies. Food for second servings is clearly labelled with the child's name, the older children serve themselves and staff closely monitor and provide the correct food for children with allergies.

This policy was reviewed in; May 2014

Signed on behalf of the setting; (Caroline Betts) Signature.....

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