



Health Procedures – Allergies

When children start at the setting, parents are asked if their child has any known allergies. This information is recorded on the registration form

- If a child has an allergy, a risk assessment is completed using a medical plan.
- This form is kept in the medical folder and all staff will be made aware.
- Parents show staff how to administer medication in the event of an allergic reaction.
- Generally, no nuts or nut products are used within the setting. If necessary, we will seek additional professional advice and training to support the child within the setting.
- All parents are made aware, so that no nut or nut products are accidentally brought in.
- Children are given a placemat at meal times, green – No allergies, orange – mild intolerance, red – Severe allergy.

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 the insurance department must be obtained to extend the insurance.

At all times administration of medication is compliant with the Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage and follows procedures based on advice given in *Managing Medicines in Schools and Early Years Settings* (DfES 2005)

Life saving medication & invasive treatments

Adrenaline injections (Epipens) for anaphylactic shock reactions (caused by allergies to nuts, eggs etc) or invasive treatments such as rectal administration of Diazepam (for epilepsy).

- A letter from the child's GP/consultant stating the child's condition and what medication if any is to be administered.
- Written consent from parents' allowing members of staff to administer medication.
- Proof of training in the administration of such medication by the child's GP, a district nurse, children's nurse specialist or a community paediatric nurse.

