



Allergen Management Policy

Allergies, Allergic Reactions and Allergy Medication

Any allergies will be discussed in the key worker one-to-one meeting prior to the child starting in the setting. All allergies will be uploaded onto Blossom which will display each day's allergies on the front page.

Daily snack will be amended to accommodate any allergies in the setting at any given time.

When first coming into the setting, a pre-existing medical form needs to be completed. An accident form can then be opened on Blossom and kept open to document the administration of that medication and can be closed when the child leaves. Each time allergy medication or inhalers are administered, the parents will be informed via Blossom.

All staff are first aid trained which includes training on management of anaphylaxis.

Staff will be made aware of the signs and symptoms of a possible allergic reaction in case of an unknown or first reaction in a child. These may include a rash or hives, nausea, stomach pain, diarrhoea, itchy skin, runny eyes, shortness of breath, chest pain, swelling of the mouth or tongue, swelling to the airways to the lungs, wheezing and anaphylaxis.

All practitioners have full knowledge of and will pay regard to the contents of the Forest School's Medicines Policy.

For some children their inhaler / medication may need to be immediately accessible during an activity, in which case it will be stored in the child's bag and brought down into Forest School where it will be placed up high out of the reach of children.

Extra antihistamine medicine and EpiPens will be stored in lock boxes in the cabin and shed in Forest School in case of emergency

We operate a **strict nut-free policy** to protect children with nut allergies.

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