Knutsford Community Preschool

04.4 Allergies and food intolerance

When a child starts at Preschool, parents are asked if their child has any known allergies or food intolerance. This information is recorded on the registration form.

- If a child has an allergy or food intolerance, a risk assessment and health care plan is completed

  - the risk identified – the allergen (i.e. the substance, material or living creature the child is allergic to such as nuts, eggs, bee stings, cats etc.)

  - the level of risk, taking into consideration the likelihood of the child coming into contact with the allergen

  - control measures, such as prevention from contact with the allergen

  - review measures

- **04.2a Health care plan form** must be completed with:

  - the nature of the reaction e.g. anaphylactic shock reaction, including rash, reddening of skin, swelling, breathing problems etc.

  - managing allergic reactions, medication used and method (e.g. Epipen)

- The child's name is added to the Dietary Requirements list**.**

- A copy of the risk assessment and health care plan is kept in the child's personal file and is shared with all staff and is also kept in the Food Allergy and Dietary Needs list in the Kitchen.

- Parents show staff how to administer medication in the event of an allergic reaction.

- No nuts or nut products are used within the Preschool.

- Parents are made aware, so that no nut or nut products are accidentally brought in.

- Any foods containing food allergens are identified.

Oral Medication

- Oral medication must be prescribed or have manufacturer's instructions written on them.

- Staff must be provided with clear written instructions for administering such medication.

- All risk assessment procedures are adhered to for the correct storage and administration of the medication.

- The Preschool must have the parents' prior written consent. Consent is kept on file.

For other life-saving medication and invasive treatments please refer to 04.2 Administration of medicine.

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