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Allergy policy

At Abacus we believe that children's health and wellbeing is paramount. We regard all allergies and intolerances as very important.

Before children attend we ask parents/carers to advise us of any allergies and intolerances. We work together with parents/carers to complete a care plan to enable the safe environment for all children in our care.

Information:

We will request detailed written information from Parents/carers with regard to allergic conditions and intolerances.

We will write a care plan for whilst the child is with us and will be signed by parents/carers and the Manager.

Regular updates:

Allergy conditions in children may change after a short period of time, therefore parents/carers are asked to provide regular updates whenever there is a change to their child's condition. This can then be changed and or updated on their care plan.

Managing food allergies:

We will work with parents/carers to understand what foods the allergens are and what children can/cannot have.

Relevent food allergies/intolerances are displayed for staff in our food cupboard.

Any changes need to be made in writing from the parents/carer, signed and dated.

All food that is specifically for a child will be stored in a separate container, clearly marked.

Parents/carers are advised not to include NUTS in lunch boxes, and if needed any other food/s that need to be excluded will be advised about if and when needed.

Training:

Staff will have some training whilst attending their first aid courses. The manager will work with parents/carers to see if training is required for specific needs. If it is felt any further

training is required then this will be looked into. All staff will understand the needs of each child with regular staff updates.

Medication:

Specific medicines/treatments eg EpiPens, for affected children are kept in the office ready for if and when needed. They are in a named container with care plans and instructions kept for that child. All staff are aware of where they are kept.

Expiry dates are checked regularly, and Parents are reminded about when expiry dates are getting close, however it is ultimately the parent/carers responsibility to replace medications before they expire.

Other allergies:

Staff are aware that changes to allergens and intolerances can change at any time. There are many triggers that can cause an allergic reaction and staff are aware to be aware of this. All staff are informed and updated about any changes or requirements.

This Policy will be reviewed annually

Signed:

Position held: Chair of Trustees

Date: