ALLERGY AWARE POLICY

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Policy Statement

Staff are all appropriately trained in Apply First Aid or Basic Emergency Life Support (ECD BELS) and anaphylaxis and asthma First Aid to meet DECD and National Standards.

Policy Requirements

Director

Every Child with anaphylaxis has a

• current Emergency Plan with photograph, signed by treating Doctor
• emergency medication registered on site and held securely in the kitchen
• medication travels with an adult on excursions for children

Every child with chronic/acute asthma has a

• current Emergency Plan with photograph, signed by treating doctor
• emergency medication registered on site and held securely in the kitchen
• medication travels with an adult on excursions for children

Additionally, every child with allergies, health concerns or dietary restrictions requires

• current information documented by the kindergarten and distributed to staff through induction processes, enrolment files and Emergency Lists. The significance, likelihood and nature of allergic reactions will inform individual healthcare planning and documentation.
• Director/parent review of health needs and medications as required
• worksite and staff planning for children with Healthcare needs
• Prescribed Information about children with anaphylaxis on display as per National Quality Regulations
Staff

- are informed and aware of children with emergency plans
- routinely distribute information about appropriate kindergarten snacks and lunches through The Healthy Eating and Nutrition Policy, notices, newsletters, meetings, enrolments, conversations and curriculum
- demonstrate allergy aware practice within kindergarten programs ie cooking, shared food and support adult volunteers and students in their practice
- children do not share daily snacks and lunches
- provide daily notification where food is provided by the kindergarten
- food provided by the Kindergarten is given out with parent/carer supervision as children are being collected at the end of the session
- children attending the lunch program have parental consent for shared kindergarten food (or alternatives provided by parents)

Parents

- are required to provide current documentation and emergency health plans
- are responsible for checking medications use by dates and registering current medications with the Director
- are required to discuss change in health conditions and medication with Director
- are responsible for logging daily medication requirements with the Teacher in Charge on every occasion
- to provide food alternatives as required

References

DECD Allergy and Anaphylaxis Aware Checklist
DECD Healthcare, Individuals First Aid, Health Support and Anaphylaxis Plans
Asthma SA Emergency Plans
Prospect Kindergarten Healthy Eating and Nutrition Policy

Endorsed by Staff and Governing Council
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