



ALLERGIES AND INTOLERANCE POLICY

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements / 3.44, 3.47, 3.48, 3.49, 3.67, 3.68, 3.73

Children with allergies and food intolerances must be closely supervised at all times. All staff, especially new staff and cover staff, must be made aware of any allergies and of appropriate action to take. Food allergies and intolerances are updated monthly and signed by the manager and the cook. It is the manager's duty to ensure that all educators in the room are aware of any changes to children's requirements.

Meetings will be held with parents/carers prior to the child starting at Precious Memories Day Nursery to obtain detailed information of individual dietary needs, daily routines, signs and symptoms and any required medical treatment. Unless this information is obtained the child's attendance at the setting will be delayed. We have a written care plan in place for any child with severe symptoms and this is reviewed and updated regularly.

There must be a list of children and their allergies/intolerances displayed in each room and a comprehensive list on display in the kitchen for the cook. This information must be clearly displayed and a signed parental agreement is required.

In cases where a reaction may be very severe, there should be a designated, qualified educator who can attend to that child's dietary needs using colour-coded utensils and crockery. All educators must be made aware of this as well as the reasons why. A written record of all that the child consumes must be kept and relayed back to the parent/carer on collection of the child.

All cases should be discussed with the child's parents/carers to ensure that everybody is working together in a way that benefits the child.

The manager must seek regular updates from the parent/carer to ascertain that everybody is continuing to follow correct procedures. All educators must be made aware of the emergency procedure for each child as well as symptoms and administration of any medication