

Harpole Day Nursery

Allergies and allergic reaction policy

At Harpole day nursery we are aware that children may have allergies which may cause allergic reactions. We will follow this policy to ensure allergic reactions are prevented and staff are fully aware of how to support a child who may be having an allergic reaction.

- information passed on through parents from the registration form regarding allergic reactions and allergies must be shared with all staff in the nursery
- the nursery manager must carry out a full Allergy Risk Assessment Procedure with the parent prior to the child starting the nursery. The information must then be shared with all staff
- if a child has an allergic reaction to food, a bee sting, plant etc, a First Aid trained member of staff will administer the appropriate treatment and parents must be informed
- if this treatment requires specialist treatment, e.g. an epipen, then at least two members of staff will receive specific medical training to be able to administer the treatment to each individual child
- a sick child needs above all their family; therefore every effort should be made to contact a family member as soon as possible
- if the allergic reaction is severe a member of staff will summon an ambulance immediately. DO NOT attempt to transport the sick/injured child in your own vehicle
- whilst waiting for the ambulance, contact the emergency contact and arrange to meet them at the hospital
- a senior member of staff must accompany the child and collect together registration forms, relevant medication sheets, medication and child's comforter
- staff must remain calm at all times; children who witness an allergic reaction may well be affected by it and may need lots of cuddles and reassurance.

This policy was adopted from NDNA on (insert date):.....

Signed on behalf of the nursery: