

ANAPHYLAXIS AND EPI-PEN POLICY

Rainbow Corner Nursery Ltd is open to all children regardless of their medical needs, as long as we have a member of staff trained to deal with the medical needs in question. Research shows that the number of children with anaphylaxis (severe allergic reaction) has been rising over the past years. Children with anaphylaxis are welcome to join our setting and will be encouraged to participate fully in all our activities. We realise that anaphylaxis is a very dangerous condition and the aim of this policy is to outline everybody's rights and responsibilities.

We need to be informed immediately if a child is likely to suffer an anaphylactic reaction or develops anaphylaxis after joining our setting. If a child has been prescribed a medication (e.g. Epi-pen) we need to be provided with their medication during the whole time the child is in our care. Parents/legal guardians must complete a Health Care Plan as well as a Medication Form.

Medication will be stored out of reach of children. Medication will always be easily accessible to members of staff trained to administer it and will be taken on outings etc. All our members of staff attend a Paediatric First Aid course on regular basis to ensure that there is always a trained First Aider on the premises. In addition to this some members of staff have also been trained to administer Epi-pens. We believe in working together with parents to ensure that their children are in a safe, caring environment.

To do this we need all parents/guardians to tell us every time their child's condition changes. All information is important to us. We will contact the emergency services every time a child in our care suffers an anaphylactic reaction. Parents will be informed every time their child has needed their medication and will have to sign a medication form on pick up. It is parent's responsibility to return expired medication to pharmacy and replace any used medication immediately.

Correct medication must be provided at all times while a child is in our care, the Health Care Plan and Medication Form must be fully completed and signed before the child is admitted onto our premises. Rainbow Corner Nursery School reserves the right to refuse admission to a child whose parent/legal guardian fails to comply with this policy.

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