



## **POLICY FOR MANAGING CHILDREN WITH ALLERGIES, WHO ARE SICK OR INFECTIOUS**

### **Statement of Intent**

We provide care for healthy children and promote health through identifying allergies and preventing contact with the allergenic substance and through preventing cross infection of viruses and bacterial infections. This includes teaching the children about good hygiene. We ask parents to work with us to limit the spread of illness to other children and members of staff.

### **Procedure for children with allergies**

When a child starts at the setting we ask parents whether they suffer from any known allergy. This is recorded on the registration form. If a child has an allergy, a risk assessment is carried out to detail the following:

- the allergen (the substance, material or living creature the child is allergic to, such as nuts, eggs, bee stings, cats etc)
- the nature of the allergic reaction eg rash, anaphylactic shock, breathing difficulties
- what to do in case of an allergic reaction, any medication used and how to administer it, eg EpiPen
- control measures, such as how the child can be prevented from contact with the allergen
- review

This form is kept on the child's personal file and all staff are made aware which children have known allergies. A list of children's allergies/special needs is displayed in each room and in the kitchen. All staff know where the list is displayed. A consent form allowing staff to administer the necessary medication must be completed by the parents/guardian and kept in the child's file. For life saving medication such as EpiPens, written confirmation must be obtained from our insurers to extend our insurance.

### **Procedure for Children with Sickness or Infectious Disease**

We ask parents to inform a member of staff if their child has any illness, so that we can display a sign to inform parents, staff and visitors that we have had a case of that infection or illness in the setting. This allows other parents to be on the lookout for the symptoms in their child. Children who are unwell with an infectious disease should NOT be at the setting and they should NOT return until the risk of passing on the infection has passed.

Any child who is known to have suffered from sickness or diarrhoea in the previous 48 hours will not be allowed to attend. Where there is a risk of an epidemic or pandemic in the community, we will at all times follow the advice of the Health Protection Agency, including closing if necessary to prevent the spread of infection. If any child or adult at the setting contracts a notifiable disease, we will inform Ofsted and follow the advice given by the Health Protection Agency.



We will follow the advice given via the Health Protection Agency Fact Sheets 2007 as held at the Families Information Service, Northamptonshire, which is included in the policy manual for completeness.