POLICY AND PROCEDURE FOR CHILD WITH ALLERGIES

AIM

To minimise the risk of any child suffering allergy-induced anaphylaxis whilst at Sticky Fish.

DEFINITIONS

ALLERGEN – a normally harmless substance that triggers an allergic reaction in the immune system of a susceptible person.

ANAPHYLAXIS – a sudden, severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reaction to food, stings, bites or medication.

INTOLERANCE – an inability to eat a food or take a drug without adverse effects.

INDIVIDUAL RISK ASSESSMENT - a detailed document outlining an individual child’s condition treatment, and action plan for location of Epipen.

PROCEDURE

When parents start their child at the setting they are asked if their child suffers from any known allergies. This is recorded on the registration form.

If a child has an allergy, a risk assessment form is completed to detail the following:

* The allergen
* Nature of the allergic reaction, e.g. anaphylactic shock, including rash, swelling, breathing problems etc.
* What to do in case of an allergic reaction, any medication used and how e.g. epipens
* Control measures, such as how the child can be prevented from contact with the allergen.
* Review

This form is kept in the child’s file, and a copy is clearly displayed where staff can see it on a daily basis.

A log of children with special diets, allergies, food intolerances or food requirements is displayed clearly on the kitchen unit doors.

NO whole nuts are used within the setting. Nut products may be used if there are no children currently at the pre-school with a nut allergy.

Parents are made aware so that no whole nuts are accidentally brought in, for example to a party.

SIGNED: LIZ TOMLINSON (MANAGER) DATE: June 2024

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