

## **Allergies, Allergens, Allergic reactions and No Nuts Policy**

At Bierton pre school we are aware that some children 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.

The Food Standards Agency requires all food businesses (or establishments providing food) to provide information about the allergenic ingredients used in food sold or provided.

Bierton pre school will:-

- Display on the board, which of the 14 allergens may/will be present in food/resources available to the children on that day/week.
- Display information for staff and parents on what the 14 allergens are and where they can be found.

Additional information can be found via the Food Standards Agency web site [www.food.gov.uk](http://www.food.gov.uk)

### **PLEASE NOTE - BIERTON PRE SCHOOL IS A NUT FREE SETTING**

- A member of staff will check all children's lunch boxes during the morning session. Any items found that staff consider may contain nuts, for example a peanut butter or chocolate spread sandwich or any items which specifically state on the packaging, '*may contain nuts/traces of nuts*' or '*made/packaged in a factory which handles nuts*' will be removed. The item will be returned to the parent/carer at the end of the session with a note of explanation.
- Information must be passed on by parents via the registration form regarding allergies, intolerances or any other dietary needs, this information must be shared with all staff.
- An allergy list is kept in the snack area and the office area.
- The manager must carry out an individual child risk assessment prior to the child starting the pre school. The information must be shared with all staff.
- All food prepared for a child with a specific allergy will be prepared in an area where there is no chance of contamination.
- The manager and parents will work together to ensure a child with specific food allergies receives no food at pre school that may harm them.
- 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.
- Parents must be informed as soon as possible and it must be recorded on an incident form.
- If the child requires specialist treatment, e.g. an epipen, then at least two senior members of staff will receive specific medical training to be able to administer the treatment to that child.
- A sick child above all needs 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 call an ambulance immediately. We WILL NOT attempt to transport the sick/injured child in our own vehicles.
- Whilst waiting for the ambulance, we will contact the parents and arrange for them to come to the pre school or 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.
- All incidents will be recorded, shared with and signed by parents at the earliest opportunity.

If the allergic reaction is due to possible negligence of a member of staff a full investigation will be required. The Manager must be alerted immediately, LADO must be contacted within 24 hours of the incident and the Disciplinary Procedure should be followed.

Ofsted must be contacted in the event of injury to a child that requires medical attention.

This policy was adopted by the Bierton Pre School Committee

Date: **12<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

Signed:.....

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Role of signatory: **CHAIRPERSON**

Signed, all staff: