Tots 2 Toddlers

Allergy and Special Requirements

Intent of Policy:

Tots 2 Toddlers will work to ensure that all children are safe and healthy at all times. If a child has an allergy or a special requirement, then they will not be excluded and staff will work with the family to ensure individual needs are met.

Implementation of Policy:

* Tots 2 Toddlers will always respect the dietary requirements of all children.
* On registration parents will inform the nursery of any requirements and will be asked to complete the appropriate care plans. Care plans will be kept in the child’s room to ensure all staff are aware.
* It is the parent’s responsibility to ensure that the nursery has up to date information on the child’s dietary requirements and that any changes are written in a letter and signed. This will then be kept in the child’s confidential file in the office.
* Butterfly children with any allergies or special requirements will have a name card with their picture on and either a red dot to inform staff of an allergy or a yellow dot for special requirements.
* For Caterpillar children with severe allergies, a red plate and cup will be provided for their use only. Alternatively, parents can provide a labelled cup from home. They will also be supervised by a member of staff during all mealtimes.
* In both rooms, allergy and preference information is displayed around dining areas. (Covered by laminated sheet for GDPR purposes).
* Children with their own packed lunch will have at least one member of staff to ensure no cross contamination or food sharing.
* In the event of a child coming into contact with a food to which they are allergic, the care plan will be consulted and the necessary steps will be taken. Parents will be called as soon as reasonably possible. If it is a severe reaction, then an ambulance will be called first and then the parents. If the child’s parents can not get to the nursery in good time, a member of staff will accompany the child to hospital and the parents will be asked to go straight to the hospital.

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