

04.04 Allergies and food intolerance

When a child starts at the setting, parents are asked if their child has any known allergies or food intolerance. This information is recorded on the registration forms.

If a child has an allergy or food intolerance, staff:

- Ask parents to complete a Healthcare Plan to gain further information about the allergy and appropriate response
- List the child, their allergy and useful information on Risk Assessment for Allergy
- List the child, their allergy and useful information on the Allergies and Healthcare Information sheet displayed at snack time
- A copy of health care plan is kept in the child's personal file and is shared with all staff
- Parents show staff how to administer medication in the event of an allergic reaction.
- No nuts or nut products are used within the setting.
- Parents are made aware, so that no nut or nut products are accidentally brought in.
- Any foods containing food allergens are identified to parents.

Oral Medication

- Oral medication must be prescribed or have manufacturer's instructions written on them.
- Staff must be provided with clear written instructions for administering such medication.
- All risk assessment procedures are adhered to for the correct storage and administration of the medication.
- The setting must have the parents' prior written consent. Consent is kept on file.

For other life-saving medication and invasive treatments please refer to 04.02 Administration of medicine.