



Allergy Aware (“Nut Free”) Policy

Anaphylaxis is a life threatening condition caused by an extreme allergic reaction. There are children attending Baden Pattinson kindergarten who suffer from anaphylaxis, usually with an allergy to nut products. If they become exposed to nuts, they can become seriously ill, or in extreme cases, die.

Statement of Intent:

To protect our children within the Preschool who have nut allergies, the preschool has a strict “Nut Free” Policy. This policy also provides information on how parents/carers should work with the preschool to ensure that sufferers of anaphylaxis are safe at BPK. Anaphylaxis notification will be displayed on the double entrance doors. A site epipen is kept on top of the microwave. Each child diagnosed with anaphylaxis must have their own plan and epipen kept in the allergy buddy (see below). A Health Support Agreement and an Emergency Safety Risk Assessment is completed at enrolment in consultation with parents and Emergency Allergy/Anaphylaxis practises are conducted throughout the year.

Baden Pattinson Kindergarten discourages any food products for snack, lunch or special occasions that contain nuts, including Peanut Paste or Nutella products.

1. If nut products are sent to Preschool for snack or lunch:

- 1.1. The food will be gently removed immediately with an explanation to the child.
- 1.2. The child will be provided with an alternative food.
- 1.3. The nut product will be returned to parents/carers at the end of the day. If parents/carers have alternative arrangements for collecting their children, they will be informed in writing.

2. If a child suffers from anaphylaxis, families must:

- 2.1. Provide the Preschool with a current health care plan signed by their Doctor / Health Practitioner. The health care plan must include details about health support, emergency details and a photo of the child.
- 2.2. Ensure that the Preschool has appropriate medication for the child. The medication must be clearly named, be in date and be stored in the Allergy Buddy in the kitchen and plans in the Allergy folder. The site also has its own epipen for emergencies, this is kept on top of the microwave in the kitchen to use as directed by emergency services.
- 2.3. Emergency contact details must be provided to the Preschool at the time of enrolment. These must be kept up to date
- 2.4. A Health Support Agreement and an Emergency Safety Risk Assessment is completed at enrolment in consultation with parents and Emergency Allergy/Anaphylaxis practises are conducted throughout the year.

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