

Twilight Hours After School Club

Allergy Management Policy

Food allergies are becoming more common among children. Allergic reactions can vary in severity from mild rashes to life-threatening breathing difficulties.

The labelling of Allergens in food changed in December 2014. Out of School settings have been granted special permission to make decisions based on their knowledge of the children in their care. To enable us to comply, we need to prove we know that your child(ren) are not allergic to the 14 Allergens they have highlighted. Please could you ensure that any allergies are noted on your child's medical form at the time of registration. If any new allergies are suspected please advise us immediately.

Highlighted Allergens

Cereals containing gluten

Crustaceans, for example prawns, crabs, lobster and crayfish

Eggs Fish Peanuts Soybeans Milk

Nuts, such as almonds, hazelnuts, walnuts, pecan nuts, Brazil nuts, pistachio, cashew and macadamia

Celery (and celeriac) Mustard Sesame Lupin

Sulphur dioxide, which is a preservative found in some dried fruit

Molluscs, for example clams, mussels, whelks, oysters, snails and squid

If a child does have an allergy, they will be added to the Allergy List displayed discreetly in the kitchen area and an Allergy Management Plan will be put in place. This Plan will be written by Twilight Hours and approved by the parents/guardians prior to the child attending Twilight Hours for the first time. Where necessary, for example an Epi-Pen, a specific Permission to Administer Medicine Form will be required and a copy attached to the Plan. All staff are First Aid trained but where specific training is required, this must be arranged by the parents/guardians and given by a Doctor or Nurse.

We recognise the importance of reducing the likelihood of the child having a reaction at Twilight Hours. Most staff are Food Hygiene trained and all staff will be fully aware of the allergy. Utensils and equipment will be kept clean to reduce the risk of contact with the substance which causes the allergy and all children wash their hands before and after snack.

If your child has an allergy against certain foodstuffs, we may ask that you provide their daily snack yourselves.

TWILIGHT HOURS WILL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE IF THEY ARE NOT MADE AWARE OF A CHILD'S ALLERGY OR CONDITION.

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