**Principle**

More children are being diagnosed with food allergies and intolerances. Little Buds acknowledge this and will plan menus around each child’s needs.

**Policy**

To ensure that all children can enjoy not only eating their snack, but also the company of other children, Little Buds has produced this policy. This is put in place to plan menus around any allergies or intolerances that children may have.

**Procedure**

* Children’s enrolment forms will contain a question about children’s allergies. Parents are asked to fill this in before the child starts playgroup or the club. They will also be asked verbally when a member of staff meets with the parent.
* All staff will be notified of any children with allergies and intolerance’s before the child starts playgroup/club.
* A poster containing the child picture and the foods they are to avoid will be displayed in the playroom and the kitchen.
* Staff will be trained on the use of the epipen.
* All children who require any medication for their food allergies will not be able to start the playgroup/club until a Care Plan is in place.
* Staff, parents, children or visitors will not be able to take any food that contains nuts into any of the rooms.
* If a parent wants to donate food towards a party or event, staff will purchase the food and then provide the parent with the receipt.
* During a function which parents are attending, the children and the food that they consume during it are the parent’s responsibility.
* A copy of the menu is displayed on the parent’s notice board.

**Monitoring**

This policy will be reviewed annually by the management team to ensure it remains fit for purpose.

This policy was adopted by Little Buds Management Team

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