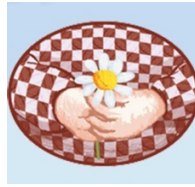


Stone Bay Montessori and Beach School



Allergy Management Policy

INTRODUCTION

The word 'allergy' includes food allergies or other types of allergies and asthma. Allergic reactions range from mild skin irritations to severe reactions during which the child may experience anaphylactic shock which may be life-threatening.

PURPOSE:

Stone Bay Montessori and Beach School's Allergy Policy is intended to;

- Support children attending the School who have allergies;
- Minimise the risk of allergic reactions for these children so that they may attend the School
- Ensure that all information provided by parents of allergic children is provided to teachers and discussed on a termly basis or when information changes
- Foster co-operation between parents and the School in determining how best to deal with allergic children through regular meetings; and
- Educate all children attending the School and their families about the allergies that are present in the School, the severity of reactions suffered by children attending the School and ways that the risk of reactions may be minimized.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. All parents of children attending the School are responsible for:
 - Ensuring that their children do not bring any peanuts or other nuts into the School;
 - Ensuring that their children are properly cleaned up (i.e. hands, face etc.) before school when allergies are present; and
 - Being supportive to those children with allergies.

2. Parents of children with allergies are responsible for:
 - Identifying all of their children's allergies to the school;
 - Supporting and educating the teachers about their child's allergies;
 - Providing an alternate snack for their children where necessary; and
 - Ensuring that all emergency contact phone numbers are current at all times.

3. Parents whose children require prescription medication for life threatening allergies **MAY NOT** leave their children at the School unless they:
 - Provide a completed Allergy Medication Administration and Consent Form, with signed consent for the teachers to administer prescription medication;
 - Provide up to date prescription medicine, in the original container, for the teachers to use in an emergency; and
 - Provide the School with an up to date and individual care plan.

SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES

1. It is the responsibility of the School to:
 - Take all reasonable steps to maintain a peanut and nut free school;
 - Request that all parents be supportive of children with allergies.
 - Sit with / next to any child with an allergy at lunch time and closely monitor to make sure there is no risk of contamination

2. It is the responsibility of the School to ensure that the teachers:
 - Are given all information which has been provided by parents regarding the allergies of children in their care, with a regular review to reflect on each child's case;
 - Create an 'emergency Plan (based on the child's Care Plan supplied by parents) for children with life threatening allergies; and
 - Eliminate certain types of food and other items from the School when necessary whether used in snacks, crafts or other activities.

3. The Emergency Care Plan for all children who suffer from life threatening allergies should include, at a minimum:
 - Administering prescription medication if required then a call to 999, followed by a call to the parents; and
 - Completing the Allergy Medication and Consent Form if any medication has been given, including the kind of medication and dose, time given and two staff signatures.

4. It is the responsibility of the School to compile and store all relevant health and allergy information in a readily accessible location (inaccessible to the children), including current contact phone numbers and to inform all staff of the location. When the child has a life threatening allergy, the teachers will also take this information and the prescription medication on trips away from the School.
5. It is the responsibility of the School to discuss each allergy case on a termly basis to ensure that all staff members are aware of allergies and procedures and post children's names and their allergies on the notice board in the store room and kitchen.
6. It is the responsibility of the School to discuss and review this policy and the relevant forms with parents of allergic children on a termly basis.

TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. It is the responsibility of the teachers at the School to familiarise themselves with each child's case, Care Plan and Emergency Plan.
2. It is the responsibility of the Teachers at the School to know where each child's allergy and information is stored.

Note: The Allergy Asthma Information Association suggests that when in doubt as to if there is an allergic reaction, do not delay. For example, if a child requires an autoinjector, teachers should give the autoinjector immediately because there are no contraindications in doing so. The 999 call must then be made.