

Health Policy

June 2024

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This policy was adopted by *Houghton and Wyton Preschool* on 26/08/2021.

Aim

Our provision is a suitable, clean, and safe place for children to be cared for, where they can grow and learn. They meet all statutory requirements for promoting health and hygiene and fulfil the criteria for meeting the relevant Early Years Foundation Stage Safeguarding and Welfare requirements.

Objectives

We promote health through:

- ensuring emergency and first aid treatment is given where necessary
- ensuring that medicine necessary to maintain health is given correctly and in accordance with legal requirements
- identifying allergies and preventing contact with the allergenic substance
- 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 form.
- If a child has an allergy or food intolerance, ~~04-1a~~ Generic risk assessment form is completed with the following information:
 - the risk identified – the allergen (i.e. the substance, material or living creature the child is allergic to such as nuts, eggs, bee stings, cats etc.)
 - the level of risk, taking into consideration the likelihood of the child coming into contact with the allergen
 - control measures, such as prevention from contact with the allergen
 - review measures
- **Health care plan form** must be completed with:
 - the nature of the reaction e.g., anaphylactic shock reaction, including rash, reddening of skin, swelling, breathing problems etc.
 - managing allergic reactions, medication used and method (e.g., EpiPen)
- The child's name is added to the Dietary Requirements list.
- A copy of the risk assessment and health care plan is kept in the child's personal file and is shared with all staff.
- Parents or medical professionals show staff how to administer medication in the event of an allergic reaction.
- The setting is a nut free zone, we ask all children and staff abide to this.

- Parents are made aware, so that no nut or nut products are accidentally brought in.
- identifying food ingredients that contain recognised allergens and displaying this information for parents
- promoting health through taking necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection and taking appropriate action when children are ill
- promoting healthy lifestyle choices through diet and exercise
- supporting parents right to choose complementary therapies
- recognising the benefits of child massage, by parents or staff carrying out massage under conditions that maintain the personal safety of children
- pandemic flu planning or illness outbreak management as per DfE and World Health Organisation (WHO) guidance

Legal References

Medicines Act (1968)

Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013 (RIDDOR)

Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) Regulations (2002)

Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981

Food Information Regulations 2014

*This policy was adopted at a meeting of **HOUGHTON & WYTON PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP***

To be reviewed as required.

Signed on behalf of the Parent Management Committee:



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