



Flinders Children's Centre and Tji Tji Wiltja Preschool

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Meeting place for teaching, learning and play for the whole family



ALLERGIES AND NUT AWARE POLICY

Context:

We have children in our preschool with a life-threatening food allergy – anaphylaxis to nuts. This is a medical condition that causes a severe /even fatal reaction to specific foods. These reactions can be triggered by contact, ingestion or inhalation. There is also a huge concern in regard to contamination of equipment whether this is play equipment, desks or other classroom materials.

Purpose:

To raise awareness regarding severe allergies and to provide a safe learning environment for all members of the Reynella Primary School community.

The Nut Aware policy will be managed by:

- Parents and caregivers being requested NOT to send food to preschool that contain nuts. This includes peanut paste, nutella, all nuts and cooking oil containing peanut oil, as well as foods containing nuts.
- Children being encouraged NOT to share food.
- Children being encouraged to wash hands after eating.
- Staff supervising eating at lunchtime. When staff notice nut products being bought into the preschool, the product will be kept in the staff office and not be provided to the child.
- Staff being made aware of children and staff who have anaphylactic responses, including nut allergies.
- Staff participating in first aid training in understanding and dealing with Anaphylaxis (severe allergic reactions) as the need arises.

The policy will be promoted by:

- Parents and caregivers being informed via the newsletter at the commencement of each school year.
- New families to the school community being informed via the Enrolment Information Package.
- Governing Council being informed and ratifying the policy.
- Staff being reminded of their duty of care and provided with training opportunities.
- Children being informed via staff and the newsletter.

Please refer to the Anaphylaxis Management Policy for the management of children with nut allergies.

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