



BARNFIELDS EXTRA

Barnfields EYFS & Barney Bears Nursery

Statement of Procedure to support the policy of Children's Allergies, Dietary and Medical Needs

In the nursery and across the whole of the EYFS we recognise that each and every child is a unique and special person, with special needs, interests, skills and ideas. This belief extends quite naturally across to the acceptance that each of these children may enter the EYFS with their own medical needs, dietary needs and allergies.

As a setting, we regularly try to make our parents aware of how much we value developing links with them and their child in order to ensure that we know and understand how best to support, not only the welfare of each and every child, but also their developmental needs.

Open evenings and afternoons, prior to the child entering our setting, are organised so that parents and carers have opportunities, at the earliest possible stage, to talk through any of their medical, dietary or allergy awareness needs. All Barney Bears staff are allocated home visits. Additionally, once a child has secured a place within the setting, parents and carers are asked to complete a contract which has an area pertaining to the recording and noting of medical, dietary or allergy awareness needs of the child thereby allowing staff to put into action a care plan or statement of needs.

The nursery keeps a record of all of the children's medical needs, allergies and dietary requirements and this is updated as often as is necessary. Staff understand that some religious and cultural observances have to be recognised, supported and adhered to in a manner which is sensitive and respectful of the parents' wishes.

Shortly after the child has entered the setting their key worker will arrange a suitable time for the parents/carers to meet. At this meeting the key worker has a **'question and answer/tell us about your child sheet'** that is discussed. This is a further opportunity for the parents/carers to share any particular needs the child may have with the key worker, therefore, allowing the staff to put into action a care plan or statement of need. Once again, staff sensitively recognise that some children have religious and cultural observances that may need to be planned and adhered to.

We are a nut free school and parents are made aware of this on a regular basis.

Children requiring on-going medical attention also need to be brought to the attention of the nursery manager, who, with support from the relevant staff and agencies, will devise a care plan.

The administering of medicines will be in accordance with our ***'Health and Safety Policy'***.

The storage of medicines will be in accordance with our ***'Health and Safety Policy'***. There is a first aid cupboard situated in the kitchen area where certain medicines such as epi-pens, etc., are stored. Laminated Medical, Allergy and Dietary requirements are in kitchen with photograph to support.

The staff are encouraged to share relevant medical, dietary and allergy awareness with other staff working in the setting to ensure the health and welfare of the child at all times. If the child attends the Before and After School Club, and if is deemed necessary, then this information is also shared with the Club staff. This information also to be passed on to the child's new school.

Further information and clarification can be sought from our ***'Health and Safety Policy'*** in the relevant section on ***Medicines, Allergies*** and ***Dietary Requirements***.