



## **Bains Road Preschool Allergy Awareness Policy**

### **Rationale**

To outline the procedures that apply to managing Allergy Awareness, in all Department for Education and Child Development (DECD) preschool sites, in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 168(2)(d) of the *Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011*.

At Bains Road Preschool we are committed to providing an environment that ensures the health and safety of all children in our site.

For children who have allergies or anaphylaxis reactions to certain foods, all reasonable steps will be taken to ensure they are not exposed to that allergen whilst in our preschool. It is not possible to guarantee that the environment will be completely free of potential hazards however, compliance to reasonable guidelines will minimise the potential risk.

### **Action**

The following is a list of foods that are NOT TO BE SENT TO PRESCHOOL:

- **Nuts of any kind**
- **Eggs (eggs in baked goods are acceptable)**
- **Any products containing nuts including Nutella and Peanut Butter**

### **Storage**

Children's Emergency Action Plans, Epi- Pens (auto injectors) and any other medications are stored in the first aid cupboard located in the kitchen next to the fridge.

### **Responsibilities**

#### **Staff**

- All Teachers onsite are trained in First Aid including anaphylaxis first aid (using prescribed adrenalin via an Epi Pen).
- All staff will be made aware of children who have anaphylactic responses, including nut and egg allergies and where their Emergency Actions Plans are located.
- All staff will supervise children during eating times and supported to eat only the food provided by their family and not share food.
- All staff will ensure they and the children wash their hands prior to eating.
- Staff will routinely inform parents/caregivers we are a Nut and Egg free site.

#### **Parents/Caregivers**

- Clearly label their children's lunchboxes and drink bottles.
- Informing educators of allergies and anaphylaxis and provide a current and in-date Emergency Action Plan completed by a medical professional.
- Are responsible for providing their child's medication and ensuring they are in date and that the medication itself has been labelled correctly by a pharmacist.