

Chandlers Hill Kindergarten
2 Education Rd. Happy Valley, SA 5159



Nut Awareness Policy

Chandlers Hill Kindergarten is a.....
NUT AWARE PRESCHOOL

Purpose:

- To provide a safe learning environment for all members of the Chandlers Hill Kindergarten community.
- To raise the awareness of members of the community regarding severe allergies.

* This kindergarten acknowledges that due to food processing practices it is impractical to state that we have eliminated nuts or nut products entirely from an environment where there is food. Therefore, we are a Nut "Aware" preschool.

Management

The Nut Aware Policy will be managed by:

- Parents and caregivers **NOT** sending any food to kindy with their child that contains nuts - this includes peanut butter, Nutella, all nuts, as well as all foods containing nuts.

Any food found to contain nuts by staff will be wrapped with masking tape and labelled (contains nuts) and will be placed in children's communication pocket to be taken home. Children will not be able to consume this food.

- Staff being informed and provided with training opportunities in the treatment of anaphylaxis.
- Staff will be aware of specific students via photographs / information on display, enrolment folder and in the roll books.
- Education, information and procedures being part of staff induction.
- The Staff being in charge of Epi-pens and medications
(These treatments will be supplied by the parent/caregiver)
- Staff being required to take Epi-pens, medications and medical plans on any excursions.

- The staff obtaining specific medical information from the family at the time of enrolling a student with a "nut allergy" (i.e. an Anaphylaxis Action Plan being provided by a medical practitioner).

A note will be put up on the white board whenever a child with anaphylaxis is enrolled for all parents/caregivers to see which will read "A child who has been diagnosed as at risk of anaphylaxis is enrolled at this service".

This will include:

- Clear photo of the child
- Documentation of the allergic triggers
- Documentation of the first aid response and prescribed medication
- Identification and contact details of the doctor who has signed the action plan
- The Anaphylaxis Action Plan will need to be reviewed when required by a practitioner.

No nut products to be included in food on special food days i.e. cakes, or in any cooking activities at the preschool or on excursions.

Does this include foods that state 'May contain traces of nuts?' No.

These are disclaimers which are now being added to most food labels by companies themselves. The Chandlers Hill Kindergarten Governing Council, has been guided by advice from the Anaphylaxis Association, that the risk from these foods is considered negligible and therefore, decided not to ban products with the above disclaimer.

This policy has been endorsed by Chandlers Hill Kindergartens Governing Council on:

Date: April 2017

Chairperson: Emily Wilkins

Director: Rachel Douglass