

Anaphylaxis and EpiPen Policy

Total Tots Ltd is open to all children regardless of their medical needs as long as we have a member of staff trained to deal with the medical needs in question. Research shows that the number of children with anaphylaxis (severe allergic reaction) has been rising over the past years. Children with anaphylaxis are welcome to join our setting and will be encouraged to participate fully in all our activities.

We realise that anaphylaxis is a very dangerous condition, and the aim of this policy is to outline everybody's rights and responsibilities.

We need to be informed **immediately** if your child is likely to suffer an **anaphylactic reaction or develops anaphylaxis after joining our setting.** If your child has been prescribed a medication (e.g. EpiPen) we need to be provided with their medication during the whole time your child is in our care.

Parents/legal guardians **must complete a Health Care Plan** as well as a **Medication Form.** (please see medication policy)

Medication will be stored in the office; medication will always be easily accessible to members of staff trained to administer it and will be taken on outings etc.

All our members of staff attend a Paediatric First Aid course & a refresher course every three years, to ensure that there is always a trained First Aider on the premises. In addition to this **some** members of staff have also been trained to administer EpiPen.

We believe in working together with parents to ensure that their children are in a safe, caring environment. To do this we need **you to tell us every time your child's condition changes.** All information is important to us.

We will contact the emergency services every time a child in our care suffers an anaphylactic reaction.

You will be informed every time your child has needed their medication and will have to sign a medication form. It is **parent's responsibility** to return expired medication to pharmacy and replace any used-up medication immediately.

Correct medication must always be provided for your child. The Health Care Plan and Medication Form must be completed, signed, and updated with any changes before admission.

Total Tots Ltd reserves the right to refuse admission to a child whose parent/legal guardian fails to comply with this policy.

Health Care Plan

CALL 999/112

A member of staff must contact emergency services immediately

Date: _____

Child's full name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Child's GP details: _____

Allergy action plan shared (copy taken) Yes/No if no please state reason for no given action plan?

How long has your child suffered with anaphylaxis: _____

What causes your child's anaphylaxis: _____

What symptoms does your child usually show: _____

What medication does your child need: _____

When and how should it be administered: (medication should clearly state the child's name and medication)

Emergency contacts:

Full name	Contact number	Relationship to the child

Parent/legal guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Staff signature: _____ Date: _____

Additional information:

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