



Woolooware Outside School Hours Care

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NUT FREE ZONE POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT

Woolooware Outside School Hours Care believes that the safety and wellbeing of children who are at risk of anaphylaxis is a whole-community responsibility. Woolooware Outside School Hours Care is a nut-free zone in line with the anaphylaxis requirements of attending children. We aim to provide an environment which is safe and healthy for all children and in doing so, the Centre will reduce the risk of exposure to allergens where appropriate.

CONSIDERATIONS

Education and Care Services National Regulations – R90, R91, R162, R168, R171, R173

National Quality Standard – 2.1, 2.1.1, 4.2.2, 6.1, 6.1.1, 6.1.3, 7.1.2

My Time Our Place: LO. 1, LO. 3

Other Service policies/documentation – Australian Children’s Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA), United Nations Rights of the Child (Article 24), Allergy and Anaphylaxis Australia - <http://www.allergyfacts.org.au/>, Network of Community Activities Factsheet – ‘Anaphylaxis’, WOSHC Philosophy, Enrolment Policy, Hygiene Policy, Food and Nutrition Policy, Food Safety and Handling Policy, Allergies Policy, Anaphylaxis Policy, Educator Orientation and Induction Policy.

PROCEDURES

Parents will be advised that the Centre is a Nut-Free Zone on enrolment and will be reminded regularly through the Family Handbook, posters and newsletters.

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children, the following guidelines will be maintained at all times:

- Parents/guardians must advise the Centre if their child has any allergies or has been diagnosed with anaphylaxis at the time of enrolment, and must provide the relevant Medical Action Plan and medications
- Parents/guardians will be asked not to pack lunches or snacks for their children which include nuts or nut products – examples could include: – Peanut Butter, Nutella, other spreads including nuts – Fruit and Nut mixes – Muesli Bars or other lunch box snack bars which include nuts – Lollies or chocolates containing nuts
- Children will be reminded not to swap or share lunches or snacks
- Products which include nuts in their ingredient list will not be allowed in the Centre or as part of any food supplied by the Centre (this does not include products with the warning ‘may contain traces of nuts’)
- Parents/guardians will be encouraged to always read the labels of food products prior to packing them for their children’s lunches
- Allergy and anaphylaxis awareness will be encouraged amongst the Centre’s community



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- Educators are advised of children with allergies who will be attending before each session.
- The Centre will reduce the risk of exposure to allergens during mealtimes and provide alternatives where an allergen may be present
- Vigilant observation whilst eating and handwashing to prevent cross contamination will be upheld
- Children will not be isolated from others or discriminated against due to an allergy

Practices and procedures in relation to safe food preparation and consumption will be reviewed each time an enrolment for a child with a risk of anaphylaxis is accepted at the centre.

DATE ENDORSED: April 26, 2021

DATE FOR REVIEW AND EVALUATION: April 25, 2023