**Food Allergy and Intolerance Policy**

Statement of Intent

This policy is concerned with a whole Pre-school approach to Health Care and Management of those members of Emmer Green Pre-school suffering from specific allergies.

Emmer Green Pre-school are aware that children/staff who attend, may suffer from food, bee/wasp sting animal and nut allergies and we believe all allergies should be taken seriously and dealt with in a professional and appropriate way.

Emmer Green Pre-school’s position is not to guarantee a completely allergen free environment, rather to minimise the risk of exposure, encourage self-responsibility and plan for effective response to possible emergencies.

The statutory framework states that the provider must obtain information about any dietary requirements/allergy. As such Parents/Carers are asked to provide details of allergies in the child’s Confidential Details form which is required before starting at Emmer Green Pre-school and is recorded in the register.

Aim

The intent of this Policy is to minimise the risk of any child/staff suffering allergy induced anaphylaxis whilst at Emmer Green Pre-school. An allergic reaction to nuts is the most common high risk allergy, and we ask all Parents/Carers/Staff to have no nuts in their lunch box or snack.

The underlying principles of this Policy include

* The establishment of effective risk management practices to minimise the child, staff, parent visitor exposure to known trigger foods, insects etc.
* Staff training/First Aid to ensure effective emergency response to any allergic reaction situation and Epi-pen training is part of our First Aid Training.
* The involvement of Parents Staff and Keyperson in filling in a Medicine Form. If the child/staff member is using an Epi-pen medicine then make sure all staff are aware that the Epi-pen is stored in a container with the child’s name on with Medicine Form.
* Emmer Green Pre-school is a nut free Pre-school. Parents/Carers are all made aware of this when starting at the Pre-school. We ask that there are no nuts in their lunchboxes or any snacks that the children bring into Pre-school.

See Lunch Club Policy

See Healthy Eating Policy

See Safeguarding Policy

This policy was adopted at the Pre-school on .................................................

Signed on behalf of the Committee .................................................................

Name of Signatory ............................................................................................