

# Allergic Reaction Policy

## Mild Allergic Reaction

In the case of a **mild allergic reaction** (rash, swelling of the skin (not mouth), hives, itching) always check the child's individual care plan in their medical box:

1. Administer PIRITON (or any other prescribed antihistamine – the form has to be filled in by a parent and kept in the folder)
2. Administer INHALER if needed
3. Wash the skin
4. Call parents
5. Call doctor, if needed
6. Record administration of the medicine
7. Observe child until the reaction subsides
8. If worse, seek medical attention as soon as possible

## Severe Allergic Reaction

In the case of **severe allergic reaction** (airway obstructed – hoarse voice, wheezing, swelling of the lips; breathing changed – breathless, noisy breathing; circulation impaired – pale, clammy skin, blue around lips and mouth) always check child's individual care plan in their medical box:

1. A member of staff must be present at all times while comforting the child
2. One member of staff will get epipen, administer and place in allocated container, which will be passed onto Paramedics
3. One member of staff calls ambulance and must remain on the phone all the time and reports (shouts if needed) to the person in charge that this has been done, relay information backwards/forwards. Our exact location and grid details are displayed in the office and in the main room on the kitchen door
4. Use 2<sup>nd</sup> epipen if necessary – follow the action plan
5. Rest of the adults will keep other children occupied
6. Call parents
7. In parents absence, member of staff (DBS checked) will accompany the child into the hospital, taking all child's health details with them
8. Qualified member of staff will stay on the premises and to make sure that ratio is covered.

This policy was reviewed by Kingfisher Kindergarten Ltd

Date to be reviewed	Annually
Signed on behalf of the provider	La-Ryne van der Westhuizen
Role of signatory	Owner