



## Allergen's policy

### Policy Statement

At The Flower Cottage I have a legal responsibility to provide allergen information about the ingredients that are in the foods given to your child. This information will be shared with you where appropriate, and you will be kept updated while your child is in my care. I will do my best to accommodate food allergies and intolerances. Please make sure I am made aware of these as soon as you enter the setting.

### Procedures (how I will put the statement into practice)

- I will check the ingredient list on all foods to ensure no identified allergens are present if children have identified allergies or intolerances. No child will be given foods where an allergen has been identified, and these foods will not be given to the other children on that day to avoid any potential cross-contamination or exposure to the allergen. Where appropriate, suitable alternatives may be available.
- If I am providing food for a child who has an allergy, I will follow the guidance as set out in the document 'Safer food, better business' from the Food Standards Agency.
- Information on allergens used will be made available to parents on request. It is also important that you, the parent/carer, keep us informed if your child develops any allergies or food intolerances while in my care.
- All medication, including adrenaline auto-injectors, will be stored safely, remain in date, and be accessible at all times.

Please indicate any known allergies/intolerances as soon as possible.

Please ensure you have read and understand the Allergens policy and procedure.

**All policies and procedures are reviewed regularly and updated when necessary.**

This policy and procedure has been development in line with the EYFS welfare requirements and Ofsted guidance, and outlines the provider's responsibility to take all necessary steps to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

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