

The Lamb's Workshop Food Allergy Policy

Over our 25 years of experience, we have had many occasions where we have had to accommodate to children's needs in this area. We are a "peanut and tree nut free" zone, and we encourage every parent whose child has allergies to communicate their specific needs to our Director, Donna Gamans, and their child's teacher ***in person***. We ask our parents to document the child's needs at the beginning of the school year, as well as any emergency-related procedures and/or medications, so that we are prepared and able to ensure each child's safety to the best of our ability. With the information you provide, our teachers are then able to provide the necessary precautions for the well-being of all students in their class.

While we endeavor to do our utmost to ensure each child's safety, we ask that *each* parent be vigilant in overseeing their child's needs. This is especially important for those who have children with *food-related allergies*.

If your child has a food related allergy or sensitivity, we now require of the parent:

- That you check the snack each day *at drop off* to ensure the snack is safe for your child.
 - If you (the parent) deem the day's snack (any or all, each item must be specifically noted individually) to be safe, then you must sign a permission sheet indicating your child may have that day's snack.
 - If any or all of the day's snack is unsafe for your child, this must be indicated on the permission sheet as well; another snack will be provided for your child.
- You must also keep a supply of a safe snack for your child for the days when the shared snack is unsafe. We will keep this extra snack in a classroom cabinet to be used when needed. We will also use this standby snack if you were unable to sign off and we are unsure of the safety of the provided snack. *Lamb's will never offer your child a snack if we have any question about its safety.*

In this way, we endeavor to accommodate the many needs of our students, and help to protect them to the best of our ability.