**CASA CAMP Allergy Policy**

We will follow this policy to ensure allergic reactions are minimised or where possible prevented and staff are fully aware of how to support a child who may be having an allergic reaction.

- We do not provide food for children at CASA CAMP unless it comes under our HAF Scheme. Children are not allowed to share their food.

- Information will be passed on by parents from the registration form regarding allergic reactions and allergies and must be shared with all staff.

- All food prepared for a child with a specific allergy will be prepared in an area where there is no chance of contamination and served on equipment that has not been in contact with this specific food type, e.g. nuts, egg etc

- Parents providing their child’s food must not allow children to bring nuts to camp. This is to prevent children encountering their allergens. If staff do notice any of these foods then they will be removed for the child’s lunch box and returned to the parents.

- Staff and parents will work together to ensure a child with specific food allergies receives no food at camp that may harm them. This will include ensuring the child sits away from children with certain foods, e.g. nuts, egg or certain fruits. Wiping down dinner tables thoroughly, ensuring children don't share food, ensure they wash their hands after food.

- If a child has an allergic reaction to food, a bee sting, plant etc. a first aid trained member of staff will act quickly and administer the appropriate treatment. Parents must be informed, and it must be recorded in the incident book.

- If this treatment requires specialist treatment, e.g. an EpiPen, then at least two members of staff working directly with the child. Other children will be taken away from the incident.

- If the allergic reaction is severe a member of staff will summon an ambulance immediately. We WILL NOT attempt to transport the sick/injured child in our own vehicles.

- Whilst waiting for the ambulance, we will contact the emergency contact and arrange to meet them at the hospital.

- All incidents will be recorded, shared and signed by parents at the earliest opportunity.