



LANCELIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

ANAPHYLAXIS AND ALLERGY POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Background Information

- Anaphylaxis is a severe, rapidly progressive allergic reaction that is potentially life threatening. The most common allergens in school aged children are peanuts, eggs, tree nuts, cow's milk, fish and shellfish, wheat, soy and bee stings.
- The key to the prevention of Anaphylaxis in schools is a knowledge of the student who has been diagnosed as at risk, an awareness of the allergens, and the prevention of the exposure of those allergens.
- Partnerships between school and home are vital in assisting the student avoid the allergens.
- Adrenaline given through an adrenaline auto injector (EpiPen) into the muscle of the outer thigh is the most effective first aid treatment for anaphylaxis.

Purpose

- To provide, as far as is practicable, a safe supportive environment in which students who are at risk of anaphylaxis can participate equally in all aspects of their school life.
- To raise awareness of anaphylaxis and the schools management policy in the school community.
- To engage with parents/guardians of each student at risk of anaphylaxis in developing a risk management strategy
- To ensure all staff have knowledge about allergies, anaphylaxis and the school procedures and policy to deal with an anaphylactic reaction.

**ALL STUDENTS WITH AN ALLERGY OR ANAPHYLACTIC REACTION MUST HAVE A
MEDICAL ACTION PLAN.**

**COPIES OF THE STUDENT PLANS ARE DISPLAYED IN THE SICK BAY, THE STAFF
ROOM AND THE CHILD'S CLASSROOM**



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Individual Anaphylaxis Health Care Plans

The Principal is to ensure a MAP (Medical Action Plan) with an additional Anaphylaxis Health Care plan is developed with the parents/guardians

The Individual Health Care Plan will be reviewed, in consultation with the student's parents/guardians

- Annually, and as applicable
- If the students condition changes
- Immediately after the student suffers an anaphylactic reaction.

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to:

- Provide an ASCIA Action Plan completed by the child's medical practitioner with a current photo EVERY year.
- Inform the school if their child's condition changes, and provide a relevant updated ASCIA Action Plan.

COMMUNICATION:

- The Principal will inform the staff and keep them updated regarding the child's current condition, and notify if their condition changes.
- All relief and volunteer staff will be informed as necessary.

STAFF TRAINING

- All staff will be encouraged to take up Anaphylaxis training including how to manage anaphylaxis in a n emergency.
- Every three (3) years all staff will be provided with a St John First Responder refresher course by the school.
- Wherever possible staff training will occur prior to the child commencing at Lancelin Primary School. Where this is not possible an interim plan is devised with training to be conducted at the earliest opportunity.

RISK MINIMISATION

The key to prevention is the identification of allergens and the prevention of exposure to them. The school will take all precautions necessary to avoid the exposure of allergens within the school environment.