



ANAPHYLAXIS

POLICY



Rationale:

- Preamble: 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 such as cashews, cow's milk, fish and shellfish, wheat, soy, latex, certain insect stings and medication.

Aims:

- To provide as far as practicable, a safe and supportive environment in which students at risk of anaphylaxis can participate equally in all aspects of schooling.
- To raise awareness about anaphylaxis and promote the school's anaphylaxis management policy within our school community.
- To engage with parents/carers of students at risk of anaphylaxis in assessing risks, developing risk minimisation and management strategies for the student within the school environment.
- To ensure that each staff member has adequate knowledge about allergies, anaphylaxis and the school's policy and procedures in responding to an anaphylactic reaction.

Implementation:

- The Principal or Student Welfare Officer will ensure that when enrolling a student into the school they be made aware of any allergies the student may have.
- The Principal or Student Welfare Officer in consultation with the parent/carer will ensure that an individual management ASCIA Action Plan (Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy,) containing an up to date photo of the student, is developed for any student who has been diagnosed by a medical practitioner as being at risk of anaphylaxis.
- The individual anaphylaxis management ASCIA Action Plan will be in place as soon as practicable after the student enrolls and where possible before their first day of school.
- Parents are responsible in providing the school with a clearly labelled EpiPen or other medication.
- The school will ensure that all Winters Flat Primary School staff undergoes regular up to date training in an anaphylaxis management training course, twice a year.
- The school will correctly store the EpiPen in the staff room and alert staff to its whereabouts so that they can be accessed quickly.
- The school staff will ensure that EpiPens and ASCIA Action Plans are taken whenever the student participates in off-site activities such as camps, excursions, sports days.
- Photos of the students will be inserted in each yard duty bag for easy identification.
- Photos of the students will be on display in the canteen, staff room and first aid room.
- The school will provide families with a copy of this policy annually through the schools newsletter and other relevant publications.
- The classroom teacher will be responsible for recording the student's medical details on the front cover of the student's academic Folder.
- The Student's Anaphylaxis Management Plan (ASCIA Action Plan) will be reviewed annually or if the student's situation changes.
- In a situation where a child who HAS NOT BEEN DIAGNOSED as allergic, but

who appears to be having an anaphylactic reaction, call an ambulance immediately by dialling 000, commence first aid and contact the parents/carers.

- The school is responsible for completing the CASES21 Incident Notification Form each time an anaphylactic reaction has resulted in the student receiving emergency medical attention.
- The Principal or Student Welfare Co-ordinator in consultation with the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Kitchen Specialist will undertake a regular risk assessment of all items prepared in the kitchen.
- The Principal or Student Welfare Co-ordinator will undertake a regular risk assessment of all items available on the school lunch orders.

The individual Anaphylaxis Management Plan (ASCIA Action Plan) will set out the following:

- Information about the medical diagnosis, including the type of allergy or allergies the student has (normally provided by the family doctor)
- Implement strategies to minimise the risk of exposure to allergens while the student is under the care and supervision of the school staff, for in-school and out of school settings including camps and excursions.
- An emergency procedures plan (ASCIA Action Plan) provided by the parent and which sets out the emergency procedures to be taken in the event of an allergic reaction. Copies of this plan will be displayed in the first aid room, staff room, in the student's classroom, CRT folders and stored with the EpiPen.

Evaluation:

The following tools will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of this policy:

- Audit of DET CASES21 Incident Notification Forms.
- The whole staff will be involved in an annual review the of school management strategies and procedures for responding to an emergency, as part of the Emergency Management.

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council

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