



Girraween Primary School Anaphylaxis Policy

Rationale

Anaphylaxis (“allergic shock”) is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening. Experienced by 0.5% of the population, the most common triggers are food, insect stings and sometimes medication. The only effective first aid response to a reaction is the immediate administration of adrenaline while waiting for medical assistance. Adrenaline is administered via an EpiPen or similar device.

Aims

Girraween Primary aim to provide a safe and supportive environment for staff and students who have been diagnosed with allergies that cause anaphylaxis.

Implementation

Parents:

Parents are required to:

- complete an action plan for Anaphylaxis
- provide an EpiPen and complete a medication form
- ensure that the EpiPen is current at all times
- ensure emergency phone numbers are always up to date
- complete the medical section of excursion forms therefore fully informing the organising teacher of the child’s medical needs.

Parents may write a letter to other parents within the class explaining the allergy and requesting support of the nut aware policy.

In the case of a staff member having an anaphylaxis allergy, he/she is to complete the same steps as a parent.

School:

The school will:

- store EpiPens provided by the parents in the first aid cupboard in the preschool or the front office first aid room.
- ensure one third of staff are trained in the use of EpiPens
- monitor the age of epi-pens and inform parents if they need to be replaced, this information will also be recorded on the anaphylaxis plan. EpiPens can go off if the temperature is not right, they may appear discoloured or have sediment in them
- display anaphylaxis plans in the classrooms of the affected students
- provide cards to all teachers outlining special medical needs of students and staff
- ensure products sold in the canteen do not contain nuts or nut products
- ensure a staff member or parent with anaphylaxis training attends excursions or camps.

Preventative actions:

Nut Allergies

The school is to be advertised as a 'Nut Aware' school. Products labelled 'may contain traces of nuts' are permitted at school.

It is to be strongly recommended that students

- do not bring any foods that contain nuts (This includes products labelled 'contains nuts')
- do not share foods

If a child brings a nut product, parents are to be notified and an alternative food is to be provided by the school.

Other Food Allergies

If a child enrolls with other food allergies, processes the same as the nut policy will be implemented.

Insect Allergies

The school will monitor the grounds and remove bee hives and wasps nests.

First Aid Process

1. Child is to lay flat or if having difficulty breathing to sit up. They should not stand or walk.
2. Supervising adults calls front office for urgent medical assistance
3. First aid officer takes epi pen to the child
4. Epi pen to be administered according to instructions
5. Ambulance to be called
6. Parents are to be notified
7. Staff member to accompany child in the ambulance if parents are not able to get to school before the ambulance is ready to leave.

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