

Fadden Primary School

Anaphylaxis Prevention Procedures

This procedure must be read in conjunction with Education Directorate's First Aid Policy.

1. Overview

1.1. The overview describes the way in which Fadden Primary School works to prevent and respond to anaphylaxis.

2. Rationale

2.1. These procedures are designed to support staff, students and families in managing the risk of anaphylaxis and responding to an anaphylactic reaction.

3. Procedures

3.1. Administration of medication

The school accepts responsibility for the administration of prescribed medication (e.g. anti-histamines) and Epipens to students. This will only occur if the student's parents and/or carers have completed a [Medical Information and Consent Form](#) and an *Authorisation to Administer Medication in (current year)* form. An [Anaphylaxis Action Plan](#) is also required, which is a plan developed in consultation with the treating medical practitioner. This plan will include a statement setting out any necessary directions and precautions.

3.2. Epipen training

The Principal will ensure that all fulltime staff are trained annually in the use of an Epipen, and that all staff are aware of the practices and procedures in place at the school for supporting students and/or staff with a diagnosis of anaphylaxis.

These include:

- Ensuring a current Anaphylaxis Action Plan is clearly displayed on relevant classroom walls and in the class rolls; and
- that any staff members who are not prepared to administer the Epipen, inform the Principal of this.

3.3. Removal of beehives and wasp nests

Staff will be reminded to be vigilant and report the sighting of any beehives or wasp nests. These will be removed as a matter of urgency.

3.4. Food restrictions

Communications between school and home will include requests that foods containing ingredients identified as possible triggers for anaphylactic reactions and stated in students' Anaphylaxis Plans not be brought to school. These restrictions will also apply to any school/community event that occurs on the school site. If a restricted food item is brought to school, it will be replaced, and the family notified.

3.5. Signs will be clearly displayed around the school grounds to remind all community members of the restrictions in place.

4. Related Policies and Documents

First Aid Policy https://www.education.act.gov.au/publications_and_policies/School-and-Corporate-Policies/wellbeing/health/first-aid/First-Aid-Policy