

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 written agreement has been obtained between the school and relevant staff, parents, and the student's doctor. The agreement will include a statement setting out any necessary directions and precautions.

3.2. Epipen training

The Principal will ensure that at least all fulltime staff are trained annually in the use of the 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 the classroom wall and in the class roll; and
- requiring any staff member who is not prepared to administer the Epipen will inform the Principal.

3.3. Removal of bee hives and wasps nests

Staff will be reminded to be vigilant and report the sighting of any bee hives 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 http://www.det.act.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0010/805258/First-Aid-Policy-2016.pdf