

Anaphylaxis and Nut Awareness Policy

This procedure is applicable to: all Department for Education employees at Paringa Park Primary School.

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1. Title

Anaphylaxis and Nut Awareness Policy

2. Purpose

To raise awareness of anaphylactic conditions for all members of the school community. To provide a safe school environment for all members of the school community.

3. Scope

This policy explains the management and responsibilities for anaphylaxis and nut awareness at our school.

4. Objectives

To clearly articulate to the school community, the responsibilities of parents, children and staff in the management of anaphylaxis and the processes for promotion with the school community.

5. Procedure detail

The Department of Education requires schools to promote and construct learning environments that are safe and supportive. Children and staff may have anaphylactic (severe allergic) conditions, that include nut allergies. This means that exposure at school may constitute a risk to their health and wellbeing.

It is not possible to guarantee that the environment will be completely free of potential hazards. However, compliance to reasonable guidelines will minimise the potential risks.

The school acknowledges that due to current food processing practices, it is impractical to eliminate nuts and nut products entirely from an environment where there is food. The emphasis is therefore on raising awareness and adopting the reasonable procedures termed as "Nut Awareness".

6. Roles and responsibilities

Party / parties	Roles and responsibilities
Parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• are requested to inform the school if their child has an allergy and, where applicable, provide an up to date anaphylaxis care plan or an allergic reactions action plan from a medical practitioner• are requested to not send a food to school where a child in the class has a severe allergy that may cause an anaphylactic reaction.• this includes products such as peanut butter, nutella, most nuts, peanut cooking oil and other foods that may contain nuts• will be informed of this policy at the commencement of each new school year at acquaintance sessions and at enrolment• will be informed if there is a child in their class with a known allergy• all medication (EpiPens) are kept in the first aid cupboard• responsible for ensuring EpiPen medication is within expiry date.
Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• are encouraged to wash hands after eating• who bring food containing nuts, or nut products, are required to eat that

	<p>food away from other students and to wash their hands before going to play</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are encouraged not to bring or share food containing nut or nut products or any other food where there is a known anaphylactic reaction.
Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discuss nut awareness and anaphylaxis within classes • be made aware of children who have anaphylactic responses. • supervise students during lunch eating time and will be vigilant in regard to this policy • participate in training every 3 years (2016, 2019) to understand procedures related to Anaphylaxis (severe allergic reactions) as the need arises • inform parents if there is a child in their class with a known allergy via a standard letter.
Senior first aid officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • include a copy of anaphylaxis care plan in TRT folders as relevant • ensure photographs of children with anaphylaxis care plan are placed in yard duty bags with relevant information • monitor and review annually, medication and care plans to ensure they are current.
School lunch providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are required to comply with this policy.

7. Monitoring, evaluation and review

The policy will be promoted by the school newsletter, on the school website and new families to the school community will be informed through their enrolment package. Governing council will be informed and give approval and support to this policy. Staff are informed and provided with training opportunities and students will be informed via their teachers, signs and letters.

These procedures will be reviewed as required or as advised by the department but at least bi-annually.

8. Definitions and abbreviations

Term	Meaning
Allergy	Unusual sensitivity to a normally harmless substance that provokes a strong reaction from a person's body.
Anaphylaxis	Extreme sensitivity to a substance such as a protein or drug.

9. Associated documents

Department for Education Anaphylaxis (severe allergy) care plan

Department for Education Individual first aid plan

Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA) action plan for anaphylaxis (personal) for use with EpiPen

Allergy and anaphylaxis aware checklist for education and children services

10. References