

ANAPHYLAXIS MANAGEMENT

POLICY

Statement: That Cavendish Primary School will comply with Ministerial Order 706 and the associated Guidelines published and amended by DET at the time when published. This statement acknowledges the School's responsibility to develop and maintain an Anaphylaxis Management Policy.

Definition:

- Anaphylaxis is a severe, rapidly progressive allergic reaction that is potentially life-threatening
- The main causes (90% of cases) are foods: peanuts, tree nuts (hazelnuts, cashews, almonds), egg, cow's milk, wheat, soy, fish and shellfish

Rationale:

- Ministerial Order No 706 states that if the school has enrolled a student in circumstances where the school knows, or ought to reasonably know, that the student has been diagnosed as being at risk of anaphylaxis, then the school must have an anaphylaxis management policy containing matters required by a Ministerial Order.
- The key to prevention of anaphylaxis in schools is knowledge of those students who are at risk, awareness of triggers (allergens) and prevention of exposure to these.

Aims:

- To ensure the correct training of all staff, appropriate Individual Management Plans are in place and a plan is developed with the correct procedures in place in the event of a reaction.

Implementation:

INDIVIDUAL ANAPHYLAXIS MANAGEMENT PLANS

- The Principal will ensure that an Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plan is developed, in consultation with the student's Parents, for any student who has been diagnosed by a Medical Practitioner as being at risk of anaphylaxis.
- The Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plan will be in place as soon as practicable after the student enrolls, and where possible, before their first day of school.
- The Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plan will set out the following:
 - information about the student's medical condition that relates to allergy and the potential for anaphylactic reaction, including the type of allergy/allergies the student has (based on a written diagnosis from a Medical Practitioner);
 - strategies to minimise the risk of exposure to known and notified allergens while the student is under the care or supervision of School Staff, for in-school and out-of-school settings including in the school yard, at camps and excursions, or at special events conducted, organised or attended by the School;
 - the name of the person(s) responsible for implementing the strategies;
 - information on where the student's medication will be stored;
 - the student's emergency contact details; and
 - an ASCIA Action Plan.
- School Staff will then implement and monitor the student's Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plan.

- The student's Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plan will be reviewed, in consultation with the student's parents in all of the following circumstances:
 - annually;
 - if the student's medical condition, insofar as it relates to allergy and the potential for anaphylactic reaction, changes;
 - as soon as practicable after the student has an anaphylactic reaction at School; and
 - When the student is to participate in an off-site activity, such as camps and excursions, or at special events conducted, organised or attended by the School (e.g. class parties, elective subjects, cultural days, fetes, incursions).
- The School's Anaphylaxis Management Policy must state that it is the responsibility of the parents to:
 - provide the ASCIA Action Plan;
 - inform the School in writing if their child's medical condition, insofar as it relates to allergy and the potential for anaphylactic reaction, changes and if relevant, provide an updated ASCIA Action Plan;
 - provide an up to date photo for the ASCIA Action Plan when that Plan is provided to the School and when it is reviewed; and
 - Provide the School with an Adrenaline Auto injector that is current and not expired for their child.

Prevention Strategies

- Children are explicitly told not to share foodstuffs from lunchboxes.
- Staff will not be give food from outside sources to students with anaphylaxis if they are unsure that it many contain nuts or nut products such as parent cooked birthday cakes, or other food items (e.g. egg, dairy, wheat, soy, fish or shellfish products) that may cause an allergic reaction.
- Parents will be asked to provide an alternative treat for their child to have on these occasions.
- A designated staff member should inform casual relief teachers, specialist teachers and volunteers of the names of any students at risk of anaphylaxis, the location of each student's Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plan and Adrenaline Auto injector, the School's Anaphylaxis Management Policy, and each individual person's responsibility in managing an incident.
- Risk assessment will occur for students attending out of school events.
- Staff will plan ahead for special activities e.g. cooking, art, science classes, excursions and camps.

School Management and Emergency Response

- Cavendish Primary School will keep a complete and up to date list of students identified as having a medical condition that relates to allergy and the potential for anaphylactic reaction;
- Details of Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plans and ASCIA Action Plans and will be located:
 - in the classroom (First Aid Box) of the child it applies to
 - in the Staffroom, Administration Office, First Aid Room and Kitchen
 - Copies will go with the supervising teacher on school excursions;
 - Copies will go with the supervising teacher on school camps;
 - Copies will go with the supervising teacher at special events conducted, organised or attended by the school.
- Individual Student Adrenaline Auto injectors; are kept in the Administration Office, clearly labelled hanging on the back of the entrance door, under each students Individual Management Plan.

- A Generic School Adrenaline Auto injector will be kept in the First Aid Room.
- Adrenaline Auto injectors will accompany all students when they leave the school grounds for excursions, camps and activities etc.
- Communication with School Staff, students and Parents is to occur in accordance with the communications plan.
- A trained staff member will accompany students with an identified anaphylaxis allergy on out of school activities.
- In the event of an anaphylaxis reaction the schools emergency responses procedures will be followed, together with the schools general first aid and the student's individual management plans.
- Where possible, only School Staff with training in the administration of the Adrenaline Auto injector should administer the student's Adrenaline Auto injector. However, it is imperative that an Adrenaline Auto injector is administered as soon as needed.
- A staff member will call an ambulance.
- A staff member will contact the parents.
- If a student has a severe allergic reaction, but has not been previously diagnosed with an allergy or being at risk of anaphylaxis, the School Staff should follow the school's first aid procedures and if the child presents as suffering from a severe anaphylactic reaction, be administered the School's Generic Adrenaline Auto Injector.
- On excursions and out of school activities, Auto injectors will remain with the teacher in charge of the student with anaphylaxis together with the first aid bag.

Adrenaline Auto injectors for General Use

- The Principal will purchase Adrenaline Auto injector(s) for General Use (purchased by the School) and as a back up to those supplied by Parents.
- The Principal will determine the number of additional Adrenaline Auto injector(s) required. In doing so, the Principal will take into account the following relevant considerations:
 - the number of students enrolled at the School who have been diagnosed as being at risk of anaphylaxis;
 - the accessibility of Adrenaline Auto injectors that have been provided by Parents of students who have been diagnosed as being at risk of anaphylaxis;
 - the availability and sufficient supply of Adrenaline Auto injectors for General Use in specified locations at the School, including
 - in the school yard, and at excursions, camps and special events conducted or organised by the School; and
 - The Adrenaline Auto injectors for General Use have a limited life, usually expiring within 12 months, and will need to be replaced at the School's expense, either at the time of use or expiry, whichever is first.

Communication Plan

- All staff will be briefed twice per calendar year on the signs, symptoms and emergency procedures.
- Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plans are clearly on display for all staff and visiting teachers.
- The Principal is responsible for ensuring all staff and visiting teachers are aware of anaphylactic students in our school and the potential for anaphylactic reaction and their role in responding to an anaphylactic reaction by a student in their care.
- Student Awareness – Class discussions at the start of the year will introduce an anaphylactic student to the rest for the class and outline precautions to be taken if a child becomes ill.
- Students are reminded not to share food at school.

Staff Training

- As required by DET, a staff member will complete the required training for SUPERVISORS, involving an online e-training module along with attendance at a face-to-face training and assessment session.
- The school SUPERVISOR will be required to maintain their level of qualifications within the designated time period (every three years)
- The school SUPERVISOR will be required to conduct training sessions (briefing) for school staff
- School Staff who conduct classes that students with a medical condition that relates to allergy and the potential for anaphylactic reaction; and
- Any further School Staff that are determined by the Principal.

The identified School Staff member will undertake the following training:

- an Anaphylaxis Management Training Course in the three years prior; and
- participate in a briefing, to occur twice per calendar year (with the first briefing to be held at the beginning of the school year) on:
 - o the School's Anaphylaxis Management Policy;
 - o the causes, symptoms and treatment of anaphylaxis;
 - o the identities of the students with a medical condition that relates to an allergy and the potential for anaphylactic reaction, and where their medication is located;
 - o how to use an Adrenaline Auto injector, including hands on practise with a trainer Adrenaline Auto injector device;
 - o the School's general first aid and emergency response procedures; and
 - o The location of, and access to, Adrenaline Auto injector that have been provided by Parents or purchased by the School for general use.
- The briefing must be conducted by a member of School Staff who has successfully completed an Anaphylaxis Management Training Course in the last 12 months.
- In the event that the relevant training and briefing has not occurred, the Principal will develop an interim Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plan in consultation with the Parents of any affected student with a medical condition that relates to allergy and the potential for anaphylactic reaction. Training will be provided to relevant School Staff as soon as practicable after the student enrolls, and preferably before the student's first day at School.
- The Principal will ensure that while the student is under the care or supervision of the School, including excursions, yard duty, camps and special event days, there is Staff present who have successfully completed an Anaphylaxis Management Training Course in the three years prior.
- All staff will know and understand this policy and know the identity of students who are identified as having anaphylaxis.

Note: A video has been developed to use for the briefing and can be viewed at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/health/Pages/anaphylaxischl.aspx>

Annual Risk Management Checklist

The Principal will complete an annual Risk Management Checklist as published by the Department of Education and Training to monitor compliance with their obligations.

Evaluation:

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

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

June 2020



Cavendish Primary School is committed to Child Safety – We have a zero tolerance for child abuse.

Annual Risk Management Checklist

School Name:	
Date of Review:	
Who completed this checklist?	Name:
	Position:
Review given to:	Name
	Position
Comments:	

General Information

1. How many current students have been diagnosed as being at risk of anaphylaxis, and have been prescribed an Adrenaline Auto injector?	
2. How many of these students carry their Adrenaline Auto injector on their person?	
3. Have any students ever had an allergic reaction requiring medical intervention at school?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
a. If Yes, how many times?	
4. Have any students ever had an Anaphylactic Reaction at school?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
a. If Yes, how many students?	
b. If Yes, how many times	
5. Has a staff member been required to administer an Adrenaline Auto injector to a student?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
a. If Yes, how many times?	
6. Was every incident in which a student suffered an anaphylactic reaction reported via the Incident Reporting and Information System (IRIS)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

SECTION 1: Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plans

7. Does every student who has been diagnosed as being at risk of anaphylaxis and prescribed an Adrenaline Auto injector have an Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plan and ASCIA Action Plan completed and signed by a prescribed Medical Practitioner?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
8. Are all Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plans reviewed regularly with Parents (at least annually)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

9. Do the Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plans set out strategies to minimise the risk of exposure to allergens for the following in-school and out of class settings?	
a. During classroom activities, including elective classes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
b. In canteens or during lunch or snack times	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
c. Before and after School, in the school yard and during breaks	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
d. For special events, such as sports days, class parties and extra-curricular activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
e. For excursions and camps	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
f. Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
10. Do all students who carry an Adrenaline Auto injector on their person have a copy of their ASCIA Action Plan kept at the School (provided by the Parent)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
a. Where are they kept?	
11. Does the ASCIA Action Plan include a recent photo of the student?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
SECTION 2: Storage and Accessibility of Adrenaline Auto injectors	
12. Where are the student(s) Adrenaline Auto injectors stored?	
13. Do all School Staff know where the School's Adrenaline Auto injectors for General Use are stored?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
14. Are the Adrenaline Auto injectors stored at room temperature (not refrigerated)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
15. Is the storage safe?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
16. Is the storage unlocked and accessible to School Staff at all times? Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
17. Are the Adrenaline Auto injectors easy to find? Comments:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

18. Is a copy of student's Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plan (including the ASCIA Action Plan) kept together with the student's Adrenaline Auto injector?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
19. Are the Adrenaline Auto injectors and Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plans (including the ASCIA Action Plans) clearly labelled with the student's names?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
20. Has someone been designated to check the Adrenaline Auto injector expiry dates on a regular basis? Who?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
21. Are there Adrenaline Auto injectors which are currently in the possession of the School and which have expired?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
22. Has the School signed up to EpiClub or ANA-alert (optional free reminder services)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
23. Do all School Staff know where the Adrenaline Auto injectors and the Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plans are stored?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
24. Has the School purchased Adrenaline Auto injector(s) for General Use, and have they been placed in the School's first aid kit(s)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
25. Where are these first aid kits located?	
26. Is the Adrenaline Auto injector for General Use clearly labelled as the 'General Use' Adrenaline Auto injector?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
27. Is there a register for signing Adrenaline Auto injectors in and out when taken for excursions, camps etc?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
SECTION 3: Prevention Strategies	
28. Have you done a risk assessment to identify potential accidental exposure to allergens for all students who have been diagnosed as being at risk of anaphylaxis?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
29. Have you implemented any of the prevention strategies in the Anaphylaxis Guidelines? If not record why?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
30. Have all School Staff who conduct classes with students with a medical condition that relates to allergy and the potential for anaphylactic reaction successfully completed an Anaphylaxis Management Training Course in the three years prior and participated in a twice yearly briefing?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
31. Are there always sufficient School Staff members on yard duty who have successfully completed an Anaphylaxis Management Training Course in the three years prior?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

SECTION 4: School Management and Emergency Response

32. Does the School have procedures for emergency responses to anaphylactic reactions? Are they clearly documented and communicated to all staff?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
33. Do School Staff know when their training needs to be renewed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
34. Have you developed Emergency Response Procedures for when an allergic reaction occurs?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
a. In the class room?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
b. In the school yard?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
c. In all School buildings and sites, including gymnasiums and halls?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
d. At school camps and excursions?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
e. On special event days (such as sports days) conducted, organised or attended by the School?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
35. Does your plan include who will call the Ambulance?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
36. Is there a designated person who will be sent to collect the student's Adrenaline Auto injector and Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plan (including the ASCIA Action Plan)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
37. Have you checked how long it will take to get to the Adrenaline Auto injector and Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plan (including the ASCIA Action Plan) to a student from various areas of the School including:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
a. The class room?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
b. The school yard?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
c. The sports field?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
38. On excursions or other out of school events is there a plan for who is responsible for ensuring the Adrenaline Auto injector(s) and Individual Anaphylaxis Management Plans (including the ASCIA Action Plan) and the Adrenaline Auto injector for General Use are correctly stored and available for use?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
39. Who will make these arrangements during excursions?	
40. Who will make these arrangements during camps?	
41. Who will make these arrangements during sporting activities?	
42. Is there a process for post incident support in place?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

43. Have all School Staff who conduct classes that students with a medical condition that relates to allergy and the potential for an anaphylactic reaction and any other staff identified by the Principal, been briefed on:	
a. The School's Anaphylaxis Management Policy?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
b. The causes, symptoms and treatment of anaphylaxis?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
c. The identities of students with a medical condition that relates to allergy and the potential for an anaphylactic reaction, and who are prescribed an Adrenaline Auto injector, including where their medication is located?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
d. How to use an Adrenaline Auto injector, including hands on practise with a trainer Adrenaline Auto injector?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
e. The School's general first aid and emergency response procedures for all in-school and out-of-school environments?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
f. Where the Adrenaline Auto injector(s) for General Use is kept?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
g. Where the Adrenaline Auto injectors for individual students are located including if they carry it on their person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

SECTION 4: Communication Plan

44. Is there a Communication Plan in place to provide information about anaphylaxis and the School's policies?	
a. To School Staff?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
b. To students?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
c. To Parents?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
d. To volunteers?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
e. To casual relief staff?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
45. Is there a process for distributing this information to the relevant School Staff?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
a. What is it?	
46. How is this information kept up to date?	
47. Are there strategies in place to increase awareness about severe allergies among students for all in-school and out-of-school environments?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
48. What are they?	