



**STUDIO
SCHOOL**
ISLE OF WIGHT

Anaphylaxis policy: IOWSS P3.5

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Policy Links:

- Supporting Students at School with Medical Conditions Policy
- Safeguarding policy

1. Background

- 1.1 Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening. In school age children the most common allergens are; peanuts, tree nuts, eggs, cow's milk, fish and shellfish, wheat, soy, sesame, latex, some insect stings and medication.
- 1.2 The key to prevention in schools is knowledge of students who have been diagnosed at risk, awareness of triggers (allergens) and prevention of exposure to the triggers.
- 1.3 Partnership between schools and parents are vital to ensure that certain foods or items are kept away from the student while at school.
- 1.4 Adrenaline given through an Ep-ipen auto injector in the muscle of the thigh is the most effective treatment for anaphylaxis.
- 1.5 For more information: www.anaphylaxis.org.uk – schools and setting up a management plan. Also see Managing medicines in schools and early year settings DH/DfES (2005)

2. Purpose

- 2.1 To provide as far as practicable a safe and supportive environment in which students with anaphylaxis can participate equally in all aspects of school life.
- 2.2 To raise awareness about anaphylaxis and the schools anaphylaxis management policy in the school community.
- 2.3 To engage with parents/carers of students with anaphylaxis in assessing risk, developing risk minimisation strategies and management strategies for the student.
- 2.4 To ensure staff members have adequate knowledge about allergies, anaphylaxis and the school's policy and procedures in responding to an anaphylactic reaction.

3. Parents/Carers Responsibility

- 3.1 To provide school with an up to date treatment plan or letter of authorisation signed by the prescriber.
- 3.2 To provide school with all prescribed medications, that is within the use by date.
- 3.3 To inform school of any changes.

4. *School's Responsibility*

- 4.1 To ensure the policy is reviewed on a regular basis.
- 4.2 For all school staff to receive annual training from the school nursing service.
- 4.3 To risk assess and manage students in all areas of school, including many various activities and including trips outside school.
- 4.4 To ensure medication is easily accessible at all times.
- 4.5 School to have systems in place to ensure staff are aware of all students in with anaphylaxis.

Appendix 1

ANAPHYLAXIS

