

ALLERGY MANAGEMENT POLICY

The purpose is to minimize the exposure to allergen and to prevent the life threatening allergies.

Allergy can be mild or severe. Severe allergy is also called as anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis reaction is a severe and sudden generalized reaction that is potentially life-threatening. It occurs after exposure to allergen to which individual is extremely sensitive such as,

- Food (peanuts, shell fish, eggs, strawberry etc.)
- Medicines(Penicillin, Sulfa)
- Insect stings and bites(bees and wasps)

The school will provide a safe and supportive environment which addresses, to the extent possible, reduction of the risks of exposure to known allergens. This includes ensuring that the health care needs of the student are identified and managed at the school and during off-site activities.

Parents will be responsible for the provision of accurate, up to date health information about their child, an EpiPen if required and for ensuring that medication has not expired. Doctor's prescription should be provided by the parents.

In case a child has severe allergic reaction, the EpiPen provided by the parent will be administered and at the same time emergency services will be called.

Each child identified as having critical allergy will have an individual/specific emergency management plan developed by the school

All teaching and non-teaching staff will be informed when a child with specific severe allergic reactions and possible anaphylaxis is attending the school. Allergy list will be displayed in each class rooms.

- It is the responsibility of parents to inform the school of any allergy related problems that their children suffer from during the time of admission. This has to be recorded by the parent on the admission form.
- The Parent must complete the Consent for Emergency Administration of an EpiPen in the school at the time of admission.
- During child's admission to the school the relevant Teacher and school nurse will discuss the child's allergies with the Parent. The Teacher and school nurse will receive a demonstration of EpiPen administration by the Parent.
- If any child has severe nut allergy, the same class will be declared nut free and nut free policy will be in place.