

# Anaphylaxis Policy

## Context

Anaphylaxis is a severe, rapidly progressive allergic reaction that is potentially life threatening. The most common allergens in school-aged children are peanuts, eggs, tree nuts (e.g. cashews), cow's milk, shellfish, wheat, soy, sesame, latex, certain insect stings and medication.

The key to prevention of anaphylaxis in schools is knowledge of those students who have been diagnosed at risk, awareness of triggers (allergens) and prevention of exposure to these triggers.

Ministerial Order 706 states that all schools with a child or young person at risk of Anaphylaxis is required to establish appropriate management guidelines

## Values

- Cooperation
- Responsibility
- Healthy lifestyle
- Safety

## Policy

Killester College will follow the guidelines from Ministerial Order 90 for the implementation of individual management plans for those students who suffer anaphylaxis reactions.

## ANAPHYLAXIS MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

### College Responsibility

Killester College will:

- acknowledge that both students and the College share the responsibility.
- have Medical Alerts and individual management plans for students known to be in danger of anaphylactic reactions.
- train relevant staff in the use of Adrenaline Auto Injectors every six months as per Ministerial Order 706.
- increase student and staff awareness of the dangers of anaphylactic reactions.
- conduct twice yearly briefings on anaphylaxis management for all staff.
- complete the Anaphylaxis Risk Management Checklist on an annual basis.
- provide storage of, and access to, an individual's prescribed Adrenaline Auto Injector as provided by the family, the location of which will be the First Aid Room.

- ensure a generic back-up Adrenaline Auto Injector is kept at the College for emergency situations and is located in the First Aid Room for general use if the need arises.
- display the relevant photos and plans for individual students in the front office, staffroom, canteen and food rooms. This will be the responsibility of the Office staff under the direction of the College Coordinator.
- ensure that individual management plans of all students are reviewed annually. This is responsibility of the office staff under the direction of the College Coordinator.
- plan and ensure that all relevant staff are regularly trained in the recognition of Anaphylaxis triggers including any other appropriate safety and preventative measures. This will include the appropriate use of Adrenaline Auto Injectors. This is the role of the College Coordinator.
- ensure students suffering from anaphylaxis reaction are flagged as such on the SAS database. This is the responsibility of the Office staff.
- provide Level Coordinators with a list of flagged anaphylaxis students at the commencement of each school year or when an individual student's medical circumstances warrant it. This is the responsibility of the Office staff.
- provide relevant medical information, in respect to students tagged as having anaphylaxis reactions, to staff at the commencement of the school year. This is the responsibility of the relevant Level Coordinator.
- ensure a hardcopy of the online resources is filed in the front office (masterfile). This is the responsibility of the Office staff.
- ensure the aims and objectives of this policy are to be evaluated annually by the College Coordinator.
- ensure the generic back-up Adrenaline Auto Injector is taken to whole College off-site events.

### **Family Responsibility**

- It is the responsibility of the family to ensure an Adrenaline Auto Injector is accessible at the College at all times. This includes when a student may leave the College for excursions.
- A student carries their Adrenaline Auto Injector with them at all times, including on camps, excursions and off-site activities.
- A second Adrenaline Auto Injector is provided to the College when a student attends an overnight camp.

### **Related documents**

- Anaphylaxis Communication Plan
- Asthma Management Policy
- [Ministerial Order 706](#)
- [Anaphylaxis Guidelines](#)
- Pastoral Care Policy

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