

ANAPHYLAXIS PREVENTION PLAN

N.B. This school policy complements all relevant Education Directorate policies.

Lyons Early Childhood School is committed to the provision of a safe environment for all students and staff.

To ensure the safety of all, the following guidelines will be followed.

1. ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

The school accepts responsibility for the administration of prescribed medication (e.g. antihistamines) and EpiPens to students. This will only occur if written agreement has been obtained between the Principal and relevant staff, parents and the student's doctor. The agreement will include a statement setting out any necessary directions and precautions.

2. EPIPEN TRAINING

The Principal will ensure that at least all full time staff are trained in the use of the EpiPen, and that all staff are aware of the practices and procedures in place at the school for supporting students and / or staff with a diagnosis of anaphylaxis.

These include:

- ✚ Any current Anaphylaxis Action Plan is clearly displayed on learning space wall and in roll
- ✚ Staff are provided with instructions for using the EpiPen
- ✚ When on the playground, staff (or students as appropriate) are to carry a bag (containing the EpiPen and copy of student's Anaphylaxis Action Plan) at all times
- ✚ Any staff member who is not prepared to administer the EpiPen will inform the Principal

3. REMOVAL OF BEE HIVES AND WASPS NESTS

Staff will be reminded to be vigilant and report the sighting of any bee hives or wasp nests. These will be removed as a matter of urgency.

4. FOOD RESTRICTIONS

Communications between school and home will include requests that foods containing ingredients identified as possible triggers for anaphylactic reactions (and stated in students' Anaphylaxis Plans) not be brought to school. These restrictions will also apply to any school / community event that occurs on the school site.

Signs will be clearly displayed around the school to remind all community members of the restriction in place.

This policy will be reviewed by the school board on an annual basis.