



**WATTLE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## **Anaphylaxis - Frequently asked questions**

### **My child has an anaphylaxis what do I need to tell the school?**

All students with anaphylaxis must provide the school with the following:

- ASCIA Action Plan for anaphylaxis (red banner) that is in-date, includes an up-to-date photo of your child and is signed by your medical practitioner.
- An EpiPen (or other adrenaline auto-injector) that is in-date.
- Any other medication specified on your ASCIA plan.

If you have any questions or concerns, you are welcome to speak with your classroom teacher, the first aid officer or principal.

### **I am worried my child might eat a food that contains an allergen at school, what can I do?**

The best way to ensure your child does not eat food at school that contains an allergen is to encourage them to only eat food brought from home. All students are discouraged from sharing lunch items, you might want to emphasise to your child that this is particularly important.

WPPS allows students to bring a small treat to share with classmates for their birthday and other special occasions. Parents are reminded these treats must be nut-free. However, if you are concerned there may be allergens present, you could provide your child's classroom teacher with some 'safe' treats so that your child does not miss out.

WPPS will contact parents if their child is in a class where there is a student with anaphylaxis. Parents will be asked not to provide food for sharing that contains the relevant allergens. This is particularly relevant for those students with cows' milk or egg allergies.

For off-site activities, such as school camps, WPPS will undertake additional planning to reduce risks for students with anaphylaxis. Parents are invited to contact their classroom teacher or the principal with any concerns.

More information is available in [WPPS' Anaphylaxis Policy](#).

### **Where is my child's EpiPen kept?**

You will need to provide any medication listed on your child's ASCIA allergy plan, including an in-date EpiPen. This will either be kept by your child or by your classroom teacher in an easily accessible position.

Additional EpiPens are kept in the first aid room, should they be required, and are checked regularly to ensure they are in-date.

Teachers on-duty during recess and lunchtime carry a small bag that includes photos of all students with anaphylaxis and a general use EpiPen. If your child suffers a reaction at recess or lunchtime, they can be quickly identified as anaphylactic by the teacher on-duty and their ASCIA Plan followed. Teachers also ensure that EpiPens are available at off-site activities, such as excursions or camps.

## **Do all the teachers know how to respond if a child has a reaction?**

At WPPS, teachers who conduct classes for children with anaphylaxis, as well as other staff, such as first aid staff and canteen staff, are required to undertake a face-to-face anaphylaxis management training course every three years or an approved online anaphylaxis management training course every two years.

All WPPS staff are required to attend twice-yearly briefings on anaphylaxis management conducted by a staff member who has completed an anaphylaxis management training course in the past two years.

## **Where can I get more information?**

Additional information is available in [WPPS's Anaphylaxis Policy](#). If you have any additional questions, do not hesitate to contact the Principal.