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Allergy and Anaphylaxis Policy

Introduction
Onchan School is committed to providing a safe, inclusive and supportive environment for all pupils, staff and visitors with allergies, including those at risk of anaphylaxis.

Purpose
The purpose of this policy is to:

- Ensure early identification of pupils with allergies.

- Provide procedures for prevention, risk reduction and emergency responses.

- Ensure staff receive appropriate training.

- Support full inclusion of pupils with allergies.

- Promote clear communication with families and healthcare professionals.

Definitions
Allergy: A hypersensitive immune response to normally harmless substances.

Anaphylaxis: A severe, rapid-onset allergic reaction that is potentially life-threatening.

Adrenaline Auto-Injector (AAI): A prescribed emergency device containing adrenaline.

Healthcare Plan (HCP): A personalised plan detailing a pupil's allergy, symptoms, medication and emergency response procedures.

Roles and Responsibilities
SLT:
Implement policy, maintain allergy register, ensure training is provided for **ALL** staff.

Parents/Carers:

Provide medical info and ensure medication is in date.

Staff:

Know HCPs, attend training, follow prevention strategies and lead emergency responses.

Catering Staff:

Ensure allergen safety, prevent cross-contamination, label food appropriately, appropriate dinner bands for specific allergies.

Health Care Plans (HCPs)

HCPs must include a recent photograph, allergens, symptoms, medication details, emergency steps, and key contacts. They must be reviewed annually or after any allergic reaction.

Medication Management

Pupils must have at least two in-date AAIs accessible on site. Expiry dates are checked termly. AAIs must accompany pupils on all trips and off-site activities.

Training

All staff receive annual allergy and anaphylaxis training. Practical AAI training is provided for **ALL**. Catering staff receive allergen management training.

Emergency Procedures

1. Administer the AAI immediately and record the time of administration.
2. Administer inhaler if needed.
3. Call 999 and state 'anaphylaxis'.
4. Inform parents/carers.
5. Position the pupil safely and stay with them until parents/paramedics arrive.
6. Administer a second AAI after 5–10 minutes if needed.
7. Document the incident using the appropriate paperwork.

In the event of a '***random***' pupil or member of staff/general public having anaphylaxis the process is –

- lay the person down and raise their legs

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- ring 999, ask for an ambulance and say the word "ANAPHYLAXIS"

You could then relay to the control room that you have spare adrenaline pens available and they may give you permission to use them. This phone call will be recorded as proof of this conversation.

Risk Reduction Strategies

Includes classroom hygiene, no food sharing, allergen-aware dining, trained staff during breaks, and trip-specific risk assessments. Host venues must be informed of allergies. Dining tables to be washed with hot soapy water and clean cloths. Wash hands with hot soapy water- remember alcohol gel **DOES NOT** remove allergens.

Inclusion

Onchan School promotes full inclusion and avoids stigma. Reasonable adjustments allow pupils with allergies to participate fully.

Communication with Parents/Carers

The school collects allergy information on enrolment, meets families to develop HCPs, informs parents of incidents, and communicates procedures clearly.

Monitoring and Review

This policy is reviewed annually or after major incidents. Records, staff feedback, and medical updates inform changes.