



School No: 2068 Established 1878

4.9 Medical Conditions



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact 03 5996 1744.

Cranbourne Primary School OSHC is committed to ensuring the inclusion of children with diagnosed medical conditions within its program and to providing a safe and caring learning environment for those children. Cranbourne Primary School OSHC will support the health care needs of children with diagnosed medical conditions and will work in partnership with parents and medical professionals in planning and decision-making process regarding the management of the child's medical condition whilst in care.

Procedures

Diagnosed medical conditions should be viewed as a shared responsibility between educators and parents. The confidentiality and dignity of all children with diagnosed medical conditions will be respected.

Cranbourne Primary School OSHC will aim to:

- facilitate the effective care and health management of children with diagnosed medical condition.
- as far as practical, provide an environment where a child with a diagnosed medical condition can participate equally in all aspects of the program.
- minimise the risk of exposure of children identified with asthmas, allergies, and anaphylaxis to "known" allergies.
- ensure that staff are aware of medical management plans and treatments for children who may require emergency medication.

Identifying children with medical conditions

At the time of enrolment parents will be asked to identify if their child has a medical condition, including the diagnosis of asthma, anaphylaxis, or diabetes. Where the parent indicates a medical condition, the service will prepare a Risk Management and Communication Plan for approval by the parent. Parents will also be required to complete on enrolment, a list of foods and food substances that children are to avoid. Where the details of known allergens change or there is a change in the medical conditions, parents will be required to notify these changes to the service as soon as practical. Where a child already enrolled in the service subsequently falls into this category then the parents will also be required to follow these procedures as detailed.

Service Practices

Cranbourne Primary School OSHC will:

- display each affected child's Personal Action Plan within the office and within each designated eating area of the service.
- ensure that all staff are aware of any child enrolled in the service who has been identified as having an allergy or has anaphylaxis, a diagnosis of asthma or diabetes or any other medical condition. Cranbourne Primary School OSHC has specific policies for the management of asthma, anaphylaxis and diabetes.
- ensure that adequate staff are trained in Food Handling and Hygiene practices.
- ensure that adequate staff have received training in Anaphylaxis, including the administration of an Epi-Pen and emergency Asthma treatment where appropriate.
- where a child is enrolled with other medical conditions the service will endeavour to have adequate staff trained in any emergency response first aid that may be relevant and appropriate
- ensure that all staff are aware of where any medication for the treatment of allergies, such as antihistamines or an Epi-Pen is stored, asthmas medication or other emergency medication. Cranbourne Primary School OSHC has a specific policy for administration of medication.
- ensure that the child's medication or EPI-Pen is taken with the child should the child leave the service for an excursion
- ensure there is signage to indicate where each child's medication is stored
- implement the Personal Action Plan in the event of a medical emergency.

Relevant Law and Regulations

National Regulations (90 - 94, 160, 161, 168, 172)

National Quality Framework Quality Area 2

Relevant Policies

Anaphylaxis Management Asthma

Diabetes

Enrolment

General Health and Wellbeing Hygiene

Medications

Review Information

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