



St Luke's Catholic Primary School

MEDICAL POLICY - 2020 To be reviewed 2023

St Luke's Catholic Primary School have reviewed and updated their Medical Policy. All changes have been made in accordance with the Catholic Education Office of WA regulatory and policy requirements. These requirements enable schools to act in a proactive manner in identifying students with medical and health care requirements and to implement an action plan pertaining to the medical and health care needs of an individual student.

ASTHMA and ANAPHYLAXIS

St Luke's Catholic Primary School last renewed their Asthma First Aid during 2020 and we are committed to being an Asthma Friendly School. This means:

- The majority of staff members have had current training in Asthma First Aid and routine management, conducted by the Asthma Foundation.
- Asthma Emergency kits are accessible to staff and include in –date reliever medication, single person use spacers (with masks for under 5 year olds if required).
- Asthma First Aid posters are on display and information is available for staff and parents.
- All School policies are Asthma friendly.

Part of the Asthma Friendly School requires parents;

- To provide an annual Asthma Care Plan, signed by the treating doctor.**
- Provide their child's medication, clearly dated and in the original labelled container. A spacer, and mask as required, should also be supplied.
- Alert staff to any changes in their child's asthma management throughout the year.

Anaphylaxis is a severe, rapidly progressive allergic reaction that is potentially life threatening. Our school is committed to:

- Providing, as far as practicable, a safe and supportive environment in which students at risk of anaphylaxis can participate equally in all aspects of their schooling;
- Actively involving the parents/guardians of each student at risk of anaphylaxis in assessing risks, developing risk minimisation and management strategies for the student;
- Ensuring that an adequate number of staff members have an understanding of the causes, signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis and of their role in the school's emergency response procedures.



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The school provides staff with anaphylaxis first aid training periodically. Parents/guardians of a student at risk of anaphylaxis are encouraged to assist schools in providing a safe environment for their child. Parents/guardians should:

- Inform the principal, either at enrolment or diagnosis, of their child's allergies and whether their child has been diagnosed as being at risk of anaphylaxis
- Provide an ASCIA Action Plan annually, completed by their child's medical practitioner.***
- Inform school staff of all other relevant information and concerns relating to the health of their child.
- Provide the adrenaline autoinjector and any other medications, clearly dated and in the original labelled container to the school.
- Replace the adrenaline autoinjector and any other medications before the expiry date. It may be advisable to check expiry dates at the start of each term with the school office.

OTHER ALLERGIES / MEDICAL CONDITIONS / PRESCRIBED MEDICATION

All other allergies, medical conditions (including anaphylaxis) or prescribed medication will require parents to complete a 'Request for School Personnel to Administer Medication' which will be available on the school website. This request must be renewed at the beginning of each school year.

School staffs are only to administer medication in accordance with the prescribing medical practitioner's instructions. **As such, a form requiring a signature of the prescribing doctor is required for ALL medication that school staff are asked to administer.**

School administration are permitted to administer Nurofen and Panadol **but require the written authorisation from the parent/guardian.**

All relevant authorization forms are available on the school website:

- Student Medical Alert Form
- Student Asthma Form
- Request for school personnel to Administer Medication Form