



Naíonra Chill Mhantáin, Naíonra ag Gaelscoil Uí
Chéadaigh, Naíonra Phádraig na gCloch Liath, Global Garden Preschool

Allergy medication, asthma medication and epi pen policy:

Much as the Naíonra has a policy where we do not administer medication to children, there are some circumstances where it is vital that children must receive medicinal intervention from us pending the arrival of an ambulance.

These situations are namely, in the case of allergic reaction or severe asthma attack.

All medication must be provided by the parent and the parent is responsible for ensuring that all medications provided to us are in date and appropriate for use.

Medications will be stored in a safe, locked environment and it is the responsibility of the ceannasaí in each location to ensure they are kept away from children and staff but in an easily accessible location.

If a child presents to the Naíonra with allergies/ asthma that require inhalers, Anapens or epi pens, they must sign a letter of consent (below). This letter gives staff permission to use the epi pen/ anapen or inhaler on their child if the staff member feels they are in need of medical attention.

Each member of the management team, room leader and ceannasaí will be trained in the use of the epi pen/ ana pen, inhaler.

If there is a child in the room with severe allergies, all children should wash hands before and after eating to ensure minimal cross contamination.

If a child is deemed to be perhaps having an allergic reaction but is deemed mild (child responsive but uncomfortable), the ceannasaí should immediately administer zirtek or other aural anti histamine. You should wait 3 minutes. But NEVER LEAVE THE CHILD. The room leader should immediately ring the parents and ask them to come to the Naíonra immediately. They should also contact Ciara Watson who will arrive straight away.

If symptoms abate in that time, the child should be supervised at all times until the parent arrives. A full description should be given to the parent of events leading up to their arrival and actions taken.

If a severe reaction takes place (large swelling to face and tongue, or child unresponsive) the anapen/ epi pen should be administered by the ceannasaí or room leader following the instructions on the pen. The room leader/ staff member not administering the epi pen/ anapen should call first the ambulance stating a child has had a severe allergic reaction. Then call the parents and



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The ceannasaí should take the folder from the press with all the child's medical information and accompany the child **AT ALL TIMES** to the hospital. We are in loco parentis until the parent arrives and we must stay with the child until we have handed over responsibility to the parent. When the parent arrives, the staff member should give a full debriefing of events leading up to their arrival, and any comments made by medical staff.

I understand that the above procedures are in place in the unlikely event of my child needing such medical care and I consent for my child to be administered _____ if staff deems it necessary to do so:

Signed _____

Date: _____