KPS - LATEST HEALTH UPDATE

Anaphylaxis

Anaphylaxis is a severe and sometimes sudden allergic reaction. It occurs when a person is exposed to an allergen. Anaphylaxis is potentially life threatening and always requires an emergency response.

Workplaces are asked to review their current emergency response arrangements to ensure that they have the appropriate procedures in place to respond to emergency situations, such as where an individual student with or without a diagnosis of anaphylaxis is having or suspected of having an anaphylactic reaction.

As this condition is life threatening, the Department is changing its first aid guidelines to require workplaces to have a general use auto injector for use in an emergency as part of the first aid kit.

To assist workplaces in implementing the new requirements, State Office will purchase and distribute the auto injector to each workplace.

_No serious or permanent harm is likely to occur from mistakenly administering adrenaline using an auto injector to an individual who is not experiencing anaphylaxis._

Asthma

Presentations for asthma increase dramatically when children return to school in February. Make your child 'Ready for School' by:

- Regular review by your GP before school starts
- Review and understanding of asthma medications and symptoms
- Review and update of your child's asthma action plan

Asthma Resource ph. 4253 4138

Head Lice

A few parents have concerns regarding the recurrence of nits in their children's hair. Teachers are unaware of any increase in numbers and we always follow policy that after noting nits in a child's hair we directly contact the parent or carer and then send a note home to the affected class.

Please note that class students cannot be sent home and staff are not permitted to clean hair. The responsibility lies with the parent or carer.

Please be vigilant, keep long hair tied back in pony tails and let us know if you have any concerns.