

Communicate and share information for successful transitions

A suggestion for implementing the strategy

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Successful transition tips

Parental and learner anxiety about safety increases with changes of environments and teachers.

- ✓ Assure families and whānau that allergies are taken seriously.
- ✓ Follow-up on a child or young person's enrolment information. Contact parents proactively.
- ✓ Communicate with families about allergy management.
- ✓ Ensure families and whānau provide their child's or young person's action plan for allergy management before transitions occur.
- ✓ Ensure all staff, including after-school carers, relief teachers, and food technology and hospitality teachers are aware of learners at risk of anaphylaxis and their allergy triggers.
- ✓ Identify whether the student is eligible for the [High Health Needs Fund](#).
- ✓ Connect with your public health nurse for staff training.
- ✓ Support staff to access and complete the [ASCIA online training](#).
- ✓ Provide NZQA-approved, first-aid training that includes anaphylaxis response training, and trains according to [ASCIA](#) guidelines.

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Use your SMS

Student DetailsMedical DetailsAssessment DetailsObservation DetailsLearning Support

Potter, Harry

Medical Details

Critical Information	Gets severe asthma at least weekly.
Allergies	Allergic to Bee Stings.
Conditions	
Treatment	Requires an inhaler when breathing is difficult.

Well-Being Details

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School High Health Needs Fund

As part of your transition process consider whether a student is eligible to receive support.

Students may be eligible if they:

- have severe allergies, asthma, or eczema and could react to common allergy triggers at school
- need someone with them to make sure they don't come into contact with anything that could trigger an allergic reaction
- need someone to carry out emergency treatment if they go into anaphylactic shock.

For more information, refer to the [Eligibility criteria for the School High Health Needs Fund](#).

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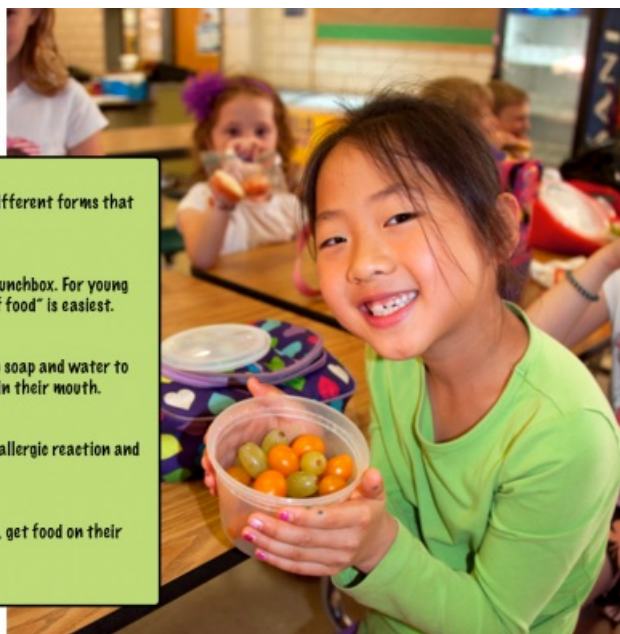
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Transition to school

5 Skills for children with allergies starting school

- 1 Know your allergens**
Children need to know what they are allergic to and the different forms that food may come in.
- 2 Stick to your own food and drink**
Children need to know they can only eat what is in their lunchbox. For young children having a simple rule of "no swapping or sharing of food" is easiest.
- 3 Keep your hands out of your mouth**
Children need to know to wash their hands carefully with soap and water to keep free from contaminants, and not to put their hands in their mouth.
- 4 Get help if you have a reaction**
Talk with children about what they might notice with an allergic reaction and how to get the right help.
- 5 Practise what to do and how to do it**
Practise with children what to do if they are offered food, get food on their hands, and how to ask for help.

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Useful resources



Starting kinder or preschool with food allergies

Read time: 5 min

This discussion guide provides families with ideas for strategies that can assist the management of allergies at childcare facilities.

Publisher: Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia

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Transition to school

Read time: 6 min

This video provides information, advice, and support for parents of children with allergies who are starting school.

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Parent 10-point plan for school management of students at risk of anaphylaxis

Read time: 2 min

This resource provides effective steps parents can take to support the school's management of students who are at risk of anaphylaxis.

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