

Allergy and Anaphylaxis Management Policy



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Allergy & Anaphylaxis Management (Including Kitt Pens)

1. Purpose

This section outlines our school's procedures for preventing and responding to severe allergic reactions (anaphylaxis). It ensures compliance with emerging statutory DfE requirements for schools to stock spare adrenaline auto-injectors and provide whole-staff allergy awareness training.

2. Provision of Kitt Anaphylaxis Pens

The school will maintain Kitt adrenaline auto-injector pens as part of our emergency medical equipment.

These devices will be stored in clearly identified, accessible locations and checked regularly for:

Expiry dates

Functionality

Availability for immediate use in an emergency

Spare AAI's are required in all schools under new DfE plans to ensure life-saving equipment is accessible when a pupil's own device is not available or malfunctions.

3. Staff Training and Awareness

All staff will participate in compulsory allergy and anaphylaxis awareness training. This reflects national requirements that all school staff must be trained to recognise allergic reactions, respond appropriately, and use adrenaline devices confidently.

Training will include:

Recognition of mild, moderate and severe allergic reactions

Emergency response procedures

Practical instruction on the use of Kitt pens and other adrenaline auto-injectors

Incident reporting and lessons-learned procedures

Refresher training will take place annually or sooner if required (e.g., updated statutory guidance, introduction of new devices, or lessons learned from incidents).

4. Individual Healthcare Planning

All pupils with diagnosed allergies will have an Individual Healthcare Plan (IHP) that includes:

A personalised allergy management plan

Clear instructions for emergency response

Parent/carers consent and medical advice

This aligns with DfE expectations that allergy management be formally included within the school's wider medical needs policy.

5. Emergency Response

In the event of a suspected anaphylactic reaction, staff must:

Administer an adrenaline auto-injector immediately, using the pupil's own device or a Kitt pen if theirs is unavailable.

Call emergency services (999).

Follow the steps outlined in the pupil's IHP.

Record and report the incident following school procedures, ensuring lessons learned are captured and staff training updated where necessary. [gov.uk]

6. Whole-School Allergy Awareness

To support a safe environment for pupils with allergies:

The school will maintain a whole-school allergy-aware culture, consistent with best-practice guidance from national allergy organisations. [anaphylaxis.org.uk]

Staff will promote inclusive, safe practices during lessons, lunchtimes, clubs, trips, and events.