



Blue Skies School:

Allergy and Anaphylaxis

Policy

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1. Introduction and Aims

Blue Skies School is committed to providing a safe and inclusive environment for all students including those with severe allergies. We recognise that anaphylaxis is a severe and potentially life threatening allergic reaction that requires an immediate and coordinated response. The aims of this policy are to ensure the safety of all students with allergies, to provide clear guidance for staff on preventing exposure to allergens, and to establish robust emergency procedures in compliance with statutory guidance.

2. Roles and Responsibilities

Protecting students with allergies is a whole school responsibility.

- The Proprietors will appoint a named governor specifically responsible for overseeing allergy safety and ensuring this policy is fully implemented.
- The Headteacher has appointed a designated senior leader for allergy safety. This leader oversees the daily management of allergy procedures, the maintenance of emergency medication, and staff training compliance.
- Parents and Carers are responsible for notifying the school of any allergies, providing in date medication, and assisting in the creation of their child's Allergy Action Plan.
- All Staff are required to familiarise themselves with the students who have allergies, attend mandatory annual training, and know the emergency procedures.

3. Identification and Record Keeping

Clear communication and accurate records are vital for preventing allergic reactions.

- Upon enrolment or at the time of diagnosis, parents must provide comprehensive medical information regarding their child's allergies.

- Every student diagnosed with an allergy that requires active management will have an Individual Healthcare Plan and a specific Allergy Action Plan.
- These plans will detail the students specific allergens, the signs of a reaction, and the exact emergency steps to take.
- Allergy Action Plans will be securely shared with all staff who interact with the student and stored securely on our systems.

4. Emergency Adrenaline Auto Injectors

Rapid administration of adrenaline is the primary treatment for anaphylaxis.

- Students prescribed an adrenaline auto injector must have two in date devices at school at all times.
- To comply with the September 2026 guidance, Blue Skies School maintains a central stock of spare emergency adrenaline auto injectors.
- These spare devices are kept in a secure but unlocked and easily accessible location so they can be retrieved immediately in an emergency.
- The designated senior leader for allergy safety conducts a monthly audit of all spare emergency devices to ensure they are present, stored correctly, and in date.

5. Mandatory Staff Training

To ensure the school is fully prepared to respond to an allergic reaction, comprehensive training is provided.

- Every member of staff, regardless of their role, will complete mandatory allergy awareness and anaphylaxis training annually.

- This training covers how to recognise the symptoms of mild and severe allergic reactions, how to administer an adrenaline auto injector safely, and how to enact the emergency response procedure.
- Training records will be held by the School Business Manager and monitored by the designated senior leader.

6. Emergency Response Procedure

In the event of a suspected severe allergic reaction or anaphylaxis, staff will follow this immediate protocol.

- Administer the students prescribed adrenaline auto injector without delay. If the student does not have their own device, or if it malfunctions, the school spare emergency adrenaline auto injector will be used.
- Dial 999 immediately and clearly state that a student is suffering from anaphylaxis.
- Keep the student lying down with their legs raised. If they are having difficulty breathing, they may sit up slightly but must not stand or walk.
- If there is no improvement after five minutes, administer a second adrenaline auto injector.
- A first aider will remain with the student at all times until paramedics arrive.
- The school office will contact the parents or carers immediately to inform them of the emergency and the hospital destination.