

Lostock Hall Community Primary School



Allergen Policy

Introduction

This policy outlines Lostock Hall Community Primary School's whole-school approach to the management of allergies and anaphylaxis.

In line with statutory guidance known as Benedict's Law, the school is committed to meeting national expectations for allergy awareness, prevention, and emergency response.

Rationale

Lostock Hall Community Primary School's position is not to guarantee a completely allergen-free environment but to minimise risk, encourage self-responsibility, and plan for an effective response.

Common allergens include nuts, dairy, eggs and insect stings.

In line with Benedict's Law, the school will:

- Maintain a whole-school allergy policy
- Provide staff training (via SCHOOT)
- Hold emergency adrenaline auto-injectors (AAIs)
- Maintain individual healthcare plans
- Record and review incidents

Definitions

Allergy: Hypersensitive response to a substance.

Allergen: Substance that triggers reaction.

Anaphylaxis: Severe life-threatening allergic reaction.

Adrenaline Auto-Injector (AAI): Device used to treat anaphylaxis.

Procedures and Responsibilities

Medical Information:

- Parents provide up-to-date medical information.
- Individual healthcare plans are maintained.
- Allergy information is shared with staff.

Adrenaline Auto-Injectors:

- Parents supply prescribed devices.
- School holds spare AAIs.
- Staff are trained to administer AAIs.

Staff Training:

- All staff receive allergy awareness training.
- Includes recognising symptoms and emergency response.

Whole-School Responsibilities:

- Policy is published and reviewed annually.
- Risk assessments include allergy considerations.

Monitoring:

- Regular review of training, incidents and procedures.

Policy Reviews

We are aware of the need to review our school's policies regularly so that we can take account of:

- new initiatives
- changes in the curriculum
- developments in technology

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