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Allergy Safety Policy

Allergy Safety Named Person: Mrs Jackson

Allergy Safety and Adrenaline Auto-Injectors (AAIs)/Epipens

In accordance with the Department for Education's statutory guidance, Allergy Safety in Schools (effective from 1 September 2026), Edisford Primary School is committed to providing a safe environment for pupils with allergies and to responding promptly and effectively in the event of an allergic reaction or anaphylaxis.

The school will:

- Maintain an up-to-date Allergy Safety Policy setting out arrangements for the prevention and management of allergic reactions.
- Ensure that all pupils with a diagnosed allergy requiring medication have an Individual Healthcare Plan (IHP), developed in partnership with parents/carers and, where appropriate, healthcare professionals.
- Keep prescribed adrenaline auto-injectors (AAIs) (Epipens) readily accessible (in the school office) for named pupils and ensure they accompany pupils on educational visits and off-site activities.
- Maintain spare adrenaline auto-injectors/Epipens in accordance with statutory guidance for use in an emergency where appropriate. A named person, Mrs Jackson, will check dates and organise replacements as needed.
- Ensure that all staff receive annual training to recognise the signs and symptoms of allergic reactions and anaphylaxis, know how to administer an adrenaline auto-injector safely, and understand the school's emergency procedures.

- Ensure that, where anaphylaxis is suspected, adrenaline is administered without delay, 999 is called immediately, parents/carers are informed as soon as practicable, and the pupil is taken to hospital for further assessment, even if symptoms improve.
- Record all incidents involving the administration of an adrenaline auto-injector and review each incident to identify any lessons learned and any amendments required to risk assessments, Individual Healthcare Plans or school procedures.

The Headteacher is responsible for ensuring that appropriate arrangements are in place for the storage, accessibility, monitoring and replacement of adrenaline auto-injectors/Epipens and that staff training is maintained in line with statutory requirements.

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