

# St John's Church of England School

*'I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength'*  
*Philippians 4:13*



## ANAPHYLAXIS/EPIPEN POLICY

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## **Policy Statement**

St John's C of E School seeks to provide a safe environment for staff and pupils who are at risk of severe allergic reactions. It undertakes to ensure that anyone suffering a severe allergic reaction will be treated appropriately and enabled access emergency services promptly.

### **1. Procedure**

The medical histories of all new pupils should be carefully explored to identify possible cases of allergy sufferers. Any medical questionnaires not returned should be vigorously pursued by the School Welfare Officer.

The presence in school of a susceptible pupil must be made aware to all those who need to know including especially the catering staff. Children are identified by photographs displayed in both staffrooms and welfare rooms.

containers clearly marked with their name, class and have a photograph of the pupil on the front. The boxes are kept in the child's classroom and will "travel" around the school in their classroom box with them and will be brought to storage box at lunch time and taken back with them at the end of lunch. Any staff who hold an Epipen will inform the Headteacher and make sure all Welfare staff are aware they have one and will carry it themselves. A medical plan is required to understand triggers and responses for both pupils and staff.

If a particular allergy is identified, consideration should be made to ask the catering staff to avoid this ingredient in some cases eg fish might not be practical. We are a nut free school so nothing should be using nuts in the kitchen.

Foods that contain an ingredient to which a child is known to be sensitive to must be clearly labelled.

A written protocol for treatment of anaphylaxis should be kept at each Epipen location.

Welfare staff are required to check termly that all Epipens kept on site are within their expiry dates.

All new pupils admitted to the school with severe allergies, along with their parents, will meet with their new teacher, and the Welfare Officer, to talk through their personal need.

A medical plan will be drawn up by the Welfare Officer, the school nurse, the parents and the pupil to outline what to do in emergencies.

### **Use of Epipens in School**

Adrenaline (Epipen) should only be administered to children to whom it has been prescribed. This should be by a person who has received training and feels competent to use the device. If a child is suspected of having an anaphylactic reaction, the Emergency Services should be called immediately (999/112). The operator will tell you how to manage the casualty while you wait for the ambulance.

### **Epipen Locations:**

Classrooms- Reception to Year 2 Medicine cabinets in their own classrooms

Lower and Upper School Welfares (lunchtime)- Year 3 to 6 Medical boxes at break times and in their own class medical cabinets during lesson times.

### **Training**

The school will provide training for all staff annually.