

## **SEVERE ALLERGIC REACTION (ANAPHYLAXIS) POLICY**

To enable every individual regardless of ability to achieve their full potential, to prepare for future life and to become lifelong learners, developing a thirst for learning and to become good citizens equipped for the challenges of the 21st century.

Our motto is - **It's fun to learn**

The values that underpin this vision can be set out under the following headings.

### **To Develop An Understanding Of Self**

Each child should be guided to

- Develop an appreciation and awareness of self
- Become independent learners and thinkers
- Achieve their fullest potential regardless of their ability and gender
- Have high personal expectations of work and behaviour
- Have a positive attitude towards their own learning
- Show a healthy attitude to living an active life through sport and other recreational activities

### **To Develop An Understanding Of Relationships**

Each child should

- Care for others and oneself
- Show mutual respect and tolerance for spiritual and cultural diversity
- Understand the importance of learning together, and working together as a team

### **To Develop An Understanding Of Society**

Each child should endeavour to become

- Good citizens
- Effective and constructive members of the community
- Able to appreciate and celebrate their own and others success
- Valuable members of the school community

### **To Develop An Understanding Of The Environment**

Each child should

- Take an active role in caring for the learning environment of the school
- Be safe and cared for in a stimulating learning environment
- Appreciate and respect the environment of the school

Through exposure to a wide range of teaching and learning experiences, pupils will achieve their full potential as independent, THINKING learners. Relevant, enjoyable and enriching activities will develop their thirst for life-long learning.

As a school our belief is that every child deserves to succeed regardless of his or her ability.

## **The Principles of our school Severe Allergic Reaction (anaphylaxis) Policy**

- The School recognises that anaphylaxis is a serious condition affecting many children and adults
- The school will ensure children with severe allergies participate fully in all aspects of school life including PE
- Recognises that immediate access to their own prescription Epi-Pen (an Adrenaline Auto Injector - AAI) and school spare Epi-Pen is vital. Parents/Carers are responsible to make sure they have their AAI with them to school if they bring them in on a daily basis, or the school has been provided with an in-date AAI.
- Keeps records of children with severe allergies and the medication they may require in an emergency
- Ensures the school environment is favourable to children with severe allergies
- Ensures that other children understand about allergic reactions
- Ensures all staff who come into contact with children with severe allergies know what to do in the event of a severe anaphylaxis/allergic reaction
- Will work in partnership with all interested parties including all school staff, parents, governors, doctors and nurses, and children to ensure the policy is implemented and maintained successfully

This policy has been written with advice from the Department of Health, the local education authority, the school health service, parents, the governing body and pupils

1. This school recognises that anaphylaxis can be a life-threatening condition affecting many adults and children but positively welcomes all pupils with severe allergies.
2. This school encourages children with severe allergies to achieve their potential in all aspects of school life by having a clear policy that is understood by school staff, their employers (the local education authority) and pupils. Supply teachers and new staff are ALSO MADE AWARE OF THE POLICY. Members of staff are provided with AAI training on a regular basis. The school office has a list of school staff trained in this area.

### **Medication**

Immediate access to an AAI is vital. Older children could be encouraged to carry their AAI's as soon as their parents, carer, doctor, nurse or class teacher agree they are mature enough to manage their own medication. Records are kept each time an AAI is used. The AAIs of primary age children are kept in their individual classroom in a designated first aid area marked with a green and white first aid sign.

All AAI's must be labelled with the child's name and expiry date by the parent. Designated school staff will be required to administer one or two AAI's to children in an emergency. School staff who agree to do this are insured by the local education authority when acting in accordance with this policy.

**Record Keeping**

At the beginning of each school year, or when a child joins the school, parents are asked to inform the school if their child has severe allergies and has a Doctor's prescription for an AAI (Epi-Pen). All parents of children with severe allergies are required to complete a form and return it to the school. From this information the school keeps its own severe allergy register which is displayed in the staff room, first aid room and the kitchen. If any changes are made to a child's medication it is the responsibility of the parents or carer to inform the school.

Oldfield Primary School does now hold two emergency AAI's; a junior pen and older children's pen as per 'Guidance on the use AAI's in school'. These are kept in separate wallets in a labelled cupboard in the First Aid Room. This medication can only be administered to children on the Severe Allergic Reaction Register. Specific staff have been trained to administer the emergency AAI and there are pictorial and written instructions around the school describing the recognition and management of an allergic reaction/anaphylaxis.

Parents of children with severe allergies are sent a letter (appendix 1) asking permission for the emergency school spare AAI to be used in the event that their own auto injector is not available or if the individual has only one AAI in school and a second dose is required. Parents will be immediately informed by phone if their child has used their own and/or the school spare AAI.

AAI's kept in school are regularly checked for expiry dates by a named member of staff (Shona Jenkins – First aider). Each child's AAI is kept in their own classroom in a named wallet containing their individual severe allergic reaction plan photo and relevant information, in their class designated first aid area.

All staff members are responsible for acquainting themselves with the triggers of a possible allergic reaction for each individual child in their care. All this information is found in their medication wallet along with their medication and also on a photo information card clearly displayed in the same place as the medication is stored.

**School Trips and Outside Activities**

When a child is away from the school classroom on a school trip, club, outside sport or PE, their AAI should accompany them and be made available to them at all times.

**The School Environment**

The school does all that it can to ensure the school environment is favourable to children with severe allergies, including being a nut-free school. The school does not keep furry and feathery pets and has a non-smoking policy. As far as possible the school does not use chemicals in science and art lessons that could be potential triggers for children with allergies. Oldfield Primary School has a nut free policy.

**Making the School Allergy Reaction Friendly**

The school ensures that all children understand about allergy reactions. Allergies can be included in Key Stages 1 and 2 in science, design and technology, geography, history and PE of the national curriculum.

Children with severe allergies and their friends are encouraged to learn about allergies; information for children and teens can be accessed from the following website: [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) - 'supporting pupils at school with medical conditions' or [www.allergy.uk](http://www.allergy.uk)

**Anaphylaxis Attacks and Emergency Procedure**

The school follows the following procedure, which is clearly displayed in all classrooms.

1. The pupil should be administered their AAI as soon as possible.
2. Ensure that a member of staff is sent to the office immediately to call an ambulance and the parents/guardian
3. Stay calm and reassure the child.
4. In the event of a pupil being taken to hospital by ambulance, they should always be accompanied by a member of staff, until a parent/carer is present.

### **AAI – Adrenaline Auto Injector**

**Appendix 1**

**Consent Form:  
Use of Emergency Auto Injector (Epi-Pen)**

A child showing symptoms of a severe allergic reaction

1. I can confirm that my child has been diagnosed with a severe allergy and has been prescribed an Epi-Pen (Auto Injector).
  
2. My child has a working, in-date Epi-Pen, clearly labelled with their name, which is kept at school.
  
3. In the event of my child displaying symptoms of an allergic reaction, and if their Epi-Pen is not available or is unusable, \*I do/ \*do not consent for my child to receive the spare Epi-Pen held by the school for such emergencies.

\*please mark as appropriate

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Name: (print) .....

Child's Name: .....

Class: .....

Parent/Carer's address and contact details:

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Telephone: .....

E-Mail:  
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Please return to the school office as soon as possible