



TIBBERTON CE FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Allergy Safety in School

You may be aware that 'Benedict's Law' came into force on 1st September 2026. It is a set of statutory requirements in England that mandates a consistent, whole-school approach to allergy safety and emergency response in educational settings. We have a policy that is online with the statutory requirements. I wanted to inform you of how this will look in school.

All staff will be trained in recognising and managing allergies and anaphylaxis in school. Tibberton and Hindlip First Schools now hold spare adrenaline devices ('EpiPens') for use in emergency situations. **These are not a replacement for a student's own adrenaline device. Students prescribed adrenaline are expected to have their own adrenaline devices with them at school for use in an emergency.**

NHS Guidance states:

For children under age 6 years~ (150 micrograms) ~ EpiPen Junior Autoinjector 0.15mg.

For individuals over 6 years of age~ (300 micrograms) ~EpiPen Auto-Injector 0.3mg

For EpiPen weight dosing according to NHS guidelines:

- **EpiPen:** Administer **0.3mg** for adults and **0.15mg** for children weighing 7.5-25kg. For children over 25kg, use **0.3mg**.  1
- **EpiPen Jr.:** Suitable for children weighing **7.5kg – 25kg** (1 stone 3lbs – 3 stone 13lbs) with a **0.15mg** dose. For children over 25kg, use **0.3mg**.

The information is for guidance. Obviously, some children will not fit into these age/weight categories. **If you feel that your child does not fit into these age/weight guidance categories, please contact me via the office for further discussion and planning.**

The Human Medicines (Amendment) Regulations 2017 **do not** require consent to have been obtained for "spare" adrenaline devices to be used. It is suggested that it can be good practice for the school, to obtain advance consent from parents or the young person for "spare" adrenaline devices to be used, so that in an emergency, consent can be assumed to be in place. However, in an emergency anyone may take reasonable action to save a life without checking whether prior consent has been given.

We are informing you that we will assume consent unless we hear otherwise.

This information is our planning for the unlikely event of a severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis) occurring. We will continue to manage allergies in school with the information provided by families.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this in further detail, please do not hesitate to contact me via the office.

Mrs Jordan
Head of School Tibberton CE First School