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An anaphylactic reaction always requires an emergency response.

Dear Parents/Carers

From 1 October 2017 the Human Medicines (Amendment) Regulations 2017 will allow all schools to buy adrenaline auto-injector (AAI) devices without a prescription, for emergency use in children who are at risk of anaphylaxis but their own device is not available or not working (e.g. because it is broken, or out-of-date).

Due to this change in government regulations we are updating our records to make sure we can act appropriately in an emergency situation. We have attached a consent form for completion for those that we hold AAI's for currently. However, if your child has recently been diagnosed or you have not received the consent form please contact the office for a copy.

AAIs are intended for use in emergency situations when an allergic individual is having a reaction consistent with anaphylaxis, as a measure that is taken until an ambulance arrives. Therefore, unless directed otherwise by a healthcare professional, the spare AAI should only be used on pupils known to be at risk of anaphylaxis, where both medical authorisation and written parental consent for use of the spare AAI has been provided. Schools may administer their "spare" adrenaline auto-injector (AAI), obtained, without prescription, for use in emergencies, if available, but only to a pupil at risk of anaphylaxis.

In the event of a possible severe allergic reaction in a pupil who does not meet these criteria, emergency services (999) will be contacted and advice sought from them as to whether administration of the spare emergency AAI is appropriate.

If you have any queries regarding this information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sarah Woolley

Headteacher



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