



Aston Rowant C+E Primary School

Allergy Safety Policy

Vision: To be a community of courageous life-long learners, who are rooted in God, live out our Christian values and enjoy life in all its fullness. (Col 2:1-7)

Mission: Growing together, rooted in God and inspiring one another through our values and our broad enriched curriculum.

Strapline: Growing together, rooted in God, having fullness of life (Col 2:1-7)

Date of Policy: September 2026

Headteacher: Mrs H Hart

Date of Policy review: September 2027

Date: 7th September 2026

First Aid Officer: Mrs D King

Date: 7th September 2026

Compliant with Benedict's Law and DfE Allergy Safety in Schools Guidance (2026)

1. Purpose

This policy sets out how the school will safeguard pupils with allergies, including severe allergies that may result in anaphylaxis. The policy reflects Section 34 of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026 (commonly known as Benedict's Law) and has particular regard to the Department for Education statutory guidance Allergy Safety in Schools. It should be read alongside the Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy, First Aid Policy and Safeguarding Policy.

2. Aims

To identify and support pupils with allergies; reduce the risk of allergen exposure; ensure staff are trained and confident; ensure appropriate healthcare planning; and provide an effective emergency response.

3. Responsibilities

The Governing Body will monitor compliance and review the policy annually. The Headteacher will ensure implementation. A named Allergy Safety Lead will maintain records, oversee healthcare plans, training and incident reviews. All staff must understand their responsibilities and follow healthcare plans. Parents must provide accurate medical information and medication.

4. Identifying Pupils with Allergies

The school will collect allergy information on admission and update records annually. Information will be shared with relevant staff on a need-to-know basis. Allergies may include food, insect venom, medication, latex or environmental allergens.

5. Individual Healthcare Plans

Pupils at risk of significant allergic reactions will have an Individual Healthcare Plan developed with parents and healthcare professionals where appropriate. Plans will include allergens, symptoms, medication, emergency procedures and arrangements for visits, clubs and events.

6. Allergy-Aware Environment

As a primary school, pupils will be supported to learn safe practices in an age-appropriate way. Staff will supervise younger children closely during meals and activities involving food. The school will promote handwashing, cleaning of eating areas, careful curriculum planning and communication with families. Blanket bans will only be considered following individual risk assessment.

7. Catering and Food Activities

The school catering provider will have systems to manage allergens and reduce cross-contamination. Teachers will consider allergy risks when planning celebrations, cookery lessons and tasting activities. Parents will be informed where food forms part of the curriculum.

8. Medication and Adrenaline Auto-Injectors

Prescribed medication must be readily accessible. The school will maintain systems to monitor expiry dates. In line with DfE expectations, the school will seek to hold spare adrenaline auto-injectors for emergency use and ensure staff know their location.

9. Training

All staff will receive allergy awareness and emergency response training appropriate to their role. New staff will receive induction information. Training records will be maintained and refreshed regularly in accordance with DfE guidance.

10. Emergency Response

If anaphylaxis is suspected, staff will immediately administer adrenaline in accordance with training and the pupil's healthcare plan, call 999, contact parents and monitor the pupil until emergency services arrive. A second injector will be administered if clinically indicated and available.

11. Educational Visits

Risk assessments will consider allergy needs. Medication will accompany pupils and supervising adults will be aware of emergency procedures.

12. Recording and Reviewing Incidents

All allergy incidents will be recorded, reviewed and used to improve practice. Significant incidents will be reported to governors and lessons learned will be shared with staff.

13. Monitoring and Review

This policy will be published on the school website, reviewed annually and updated in response to changes in legislation, DfE guidance or school circumstances.

DfE References

Department for Education: Allergy Safety in Schools (Statutory Guidance, 2026).

Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026, Section 34 (Benedict's Law).

Department for Education: Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions at School.