



# CARLINGHOW ACADEMY

## Allergy Policy

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### **School Aims and Implementation**

Carlinghow Academy aims to provide children the opportunity to develop towards their full potential; academically, emotionally and socially:

- Providing the highest standard of education to enable all children equally to acquire the skills, knowledge and concepts relevant to their future.
- Promoting an ethos of care, mutual respect and support, where effort is valued and success celebrated.
- Enabling children to become active, responsible and caring members of the school and wider community.

The school works towards these aims by:

- Promoting high quality learning and attainment.
- Providing a high quality learning entitlement and environment.
- Valuing each other and ourselves.
- Working in partnership with parents and the community.

### **Equal opportunities:**

Our school is clear about the need to actively support pupils with medical conditions, including those with allergies to participate in school trips and visits, or in sporting activities, and not prevent them from doing so.

The school will consider what reasonable adjustments need to be made to enable these pupils to participate fully and safely on school trips, visits and sporting activities.

Risk assessments will be carried out so that planning arrangements take account of any steps needed to ensure that pupils with allergies are included. In doing so, pupils, their parents and any relevant healthcare professionals will be consulted.

## Procedure and Practice, Including Responsible Person(s)

Carlinghow Academy recognises that although most food intolerances produce symptoms that are uncomfortable, some people can suffer a severe food allergy with more serious consequences. The school is therefore committed to pupil safety and has created this policy to reduce the risk of children having allergy related events while in its care.

### Aims

- To reduce the likelihood of a pupil with a known food allergy displaying a severe reaction to a specific food while in school
- To foster an understanding and responsibility for the specific needs of the individual members of the school community
- To create an awareness of the action to take, should someone with a severe food allergy display its symptoms.
- To reduce the likelihood of pupils with known allergies such as bee stings or other environmental allergies displaying a severe reaction while in school and to ensure that immediate action is taken should a reaction occur.

When children with allergies attend school, the SENDco will meet with the child's parents/carers to complete a care plan. Allergy information should be included on enrolment forms. Adults in school, with allergies must also inform the SENDco and a care plan will be completed for them also.

Parents will arrange for the school to have the appropriate medication (if necessary) on site and available at all times (adults are responsible for their own). Parents must also sign a medical consent form authorising staff to administer the medication if necessary. **If a longer term arrangement is required then the Pastoral Team will take responsibility to administer and record.** Parents should update any information about their child's allergy at any stage of their education.

If the child/adult goes on a visit/trip the care plan will be taken with them and the appropriate establishment notified of these allergies if necessary.

If a reaction occurs, staff will follow the recommendations in the care plan. Any symptoms of a reaction must be recorded and school will immediately inform parents.

Care plans will be kept in the child's/adult's classroom and the school kitchen with a photograph of the child/adult on it.

If required, the school will provide training to enable the relevant staff to recognise the symptoms of an allergic reaction and therefore respond accordingly. A number of staff are already trained in the administration of an EPIPEN should a child with a known food allergy go into anaphylaxis.

Carlinghow Academy cannot guarantee that there will be nothing in the school that might trigger an allergic reaction or that a pupil will never experience an allergy related event while in school. However, we will endeavour to provide a safe environment for all our pupils and staff.