

Allergy Safety at Skirlaugh CE Primary School

Information for Parents and Carers

At Skirlaugh CE Primary School, the safety and wellbeing of every child is extremely important to us. Our Christian vision:

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart.”
— Colossians 3:23

reminds us that every child is valued, cared for and supported to flourish. We are committed to ensuring that children with allergies can participate fully in school life within a safe and inclusive environment.

This information explains how we work with families to support children with allergies and reduce the risk of allergic reactions in school.

If your child has an allergy

Please inform school as soon as possible if your child has a diagnosed allergy or develops any new medical needs.

You will be asked to provide:

- details of your child's allergy;
- information about symptoms and triggers;
- an up-to-date Allergy Action Plan (where applicable);
- any prescribed medication required in school.

Where appropriate, school will work with you to create an Individual Healthcare Plan to ensure that staff understand your child's needs and how best to support them.

How we support children with allergies

We will:

- ✓ maintain an up-to-date allergy register;
- ✓ ensure relevant staff know which pupils have allergies and how to support them;
- ✓ provide allergy awareness training for staff;
- ✓ ensure emergency medication is stored safely and accessed appropriately;
- ✓ consider allergy needs during trips, visits, clubs and special events;
- ✓ work with families to make reasonable adjustments where needed.

We recognise that some children may require additional support due to age, communication needs or SEND. We will always consider individual needs carefully to ensure children are safe and included.

Food brought into school

We ask families to help us reduce risks by:

- not sharing food with other children unless agreed with school;
- informing school before bringing food into school for celebrations or events;
- following any specific guidance provided by school relating to individual allergies.

Although we cannot guarantee that the school environment will be completely free from all allergens, we carefully consider risks and put measures in place to reduce the likelihood of accidental exposure.

Snacks, cooking and celebrations

Food activities are an important part of school life, including cooking, tasting activities and celebrations. Staff will consider allergy risks when planning these activities and make suitable arrangements where required.

If your child has an allergy, please speak to us so that we can ensure they are able to participate safely.

If your child has an allergic reaction

If a child shows signs of an allergic reaction, staff will follow the child's Allergy Action Plan and emergency procedures.

This may include:

- administering emergency medication where required;
- calling emergency services;
- contacting parents/carers;
- recording and reviewing the incident.

The school will always prioritise the safety and wellbeing of the child.

Working together

The strongest protection for children with allergies comes from effective partnership between school and home.

Please help us by:

- keeping medical information up to date;
- replacing medication before it expires;
- informing school of any changes to your child's allergy;

- talking to your child about their allergy in an age-appropriate way.

If you have any questions or concerns about allergy safety, please contact the school office.

Together, we can ensure that every child feels safe, included and able to thrive at Skirlaugh CE Primary School.

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