Benedict's Law - Requirements for Schools

Bury Safeguarding Partnership



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1 Background

- Benedict's Law is embedded in the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026.
- Benedict's Law is a set of national protections designed to improve allergy safety in schools. These measures ensure that schools have the policies, training and emergency medication needed to recognise and respond to severe allergic reactions.
- The measures were developed following the death of five-year-old Benedict Blythe, who died from anaphylaxis at school in 2021.
- The statutory guidance and legal requirements are now in place.

2 Benedict's Law & Legislation

- Develop and publish a whole school allergy safety policy and publish on website ensuring it is known to **ALL staff.**
- Training for ALL staff.
- Spare Adrenaline devices to be held on site.
- Individual Health Care plans or Allergy Action plans
- Improved communication & record keeping.
- Early Years model policy, for consideration Downloads Form - Allergy UK incorporating Anaphylaxis UK

For updates, visit: https://padlet.com/BuryEarlyYears/allergies-and-auto-injectors-pwokaabb266gj5um

3 Guidance

- Designated Allergy Lead.
- Nominated Governor for Allergies.
- Allergy to be on the schools Risk register.
- Wellbeing of students with allergies is being promoted.

Allergy management is EVERYONE'S responsibility.

4 Allergy Action Plans

- Up to date Photograph.
- Parent / Carer contact details.
- Signatures.
- Parental consent to administer medicines.
- To be kept with the medication.
- Can also be put on MIS (Management Information system ~ displayed in compliant GDPR locations such as Staff room.

5 Individual Health Care Plans

- To be co-created by School & Parent/ Carers.
- Owned by the School.
- Allergy action plan must be attached.
- Should be reviewed annually, if there are any changes or if a reaction happens.
- All incidents and near misses need to be recorded, reviewed and learnt from.

6 Questions to Consider

- How many adrenaline devices do we need to hold for our setting?
- Do all staff know where to find devices promptly?
- Have we assessed non food allergens in the setting?
- Are products checked EVERY time before use, as some ingredients may change even through same manufacturers.
- Is this assessed during activities as well as mealtimes?
- How are we approaching inclusivity for children with allergies?
- Do ALL staff know the children who have Anaphylaxis?

7 Resources

Supporting children and young people with medical conditions and allergy
Allergy safety in schools - GOV.UK
Food intolerance – NHS
Parental Anxiety and Posttraumatic Stress Symptoms in Pediatric Food Allergy | Journal of Pediatric Psychology | Oxford Academic
Allergy Action Plans | Allergy UK incorporating Anaphylaxis UK
Benedict's Law - Benedict Blythe Foundation