



Wittersham Church of England Emergency Adrenaline Auto-Injector (Benedict's Law) Policy 2026

We strive to cooperate and work alongside all members of our community to feel valued, nurtured, and empowered as they embark upon their journey to become the very best that God intended. Throughout their voyage of discovery with us, we ensure all children are provided with a rich curriculum and experiences that promote courage and a strong moral purpose underpinned by our Christian values, preparing them to become compassionate citizens within our rural community and the wider world.

Revision History

Version	Date	By	Description
V01	July 2026	Stella Coulson	New Policy

- ❖ Policy Lead: Headteacher
- ❖ Named Medical Lead: SENCO (Mrs Carly Catt)
- ❖ Approved by: Full Governing Board
- ❖ Review Frequency: Annually
- ❖ Review Date: July 2027

On a voyage of discovery; learning and growing together in the light of God.

Our Vision

At Wittersham Church of England Primary School, we are committed to providing a safe, inclusive and nurturing environment where every child can flourish. Guided by our vision, "On a voyage of discovery; learning and growing together in the light of God," we recognise our responsibility to safeguard every member of our school community. This policy sets out how we meet our responsibilities by ensuring emergency adrenaline auto-injectors (AAIs) are readily available and that staff are equipped to respond quickly and effectively in the event of an anaphylactic emergency.

Purpose

This policy outlines the school's arrangements for preventing, recognising and responding to severe allergic reactions (anaphylaxis). It details the management of the school's emergency adrenaline auto-injector kit, staff training, responsibilities, communication with parents and procedures for responding to medical emergencies.

Scope

This policy applies to all pupils, staff, governors, volunteers, contractors and visitors whilst on the school site or participating in school-led activities, including educational visits and wraparound provision.

Legislative Framework

This policy has been developed in accordance with:

- Human Medicines Regulations 2012
- Human Medicines (Amendment) Regulations 2017
- Department for Education: Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions
- Department of Health: Guidance on the Use of Adrenaline Auto-Injectors in Schools
- The principles of Benedict's Law, which seeks to improve access to life-saving adrenaline in educational settings

Understanding Anaphylaxis

Anaphylaxis is a severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reaction that requires immediate treatment. Common triggers include certain foods, insect stings, medications and latex.

Symptoms may include:

On a voyage of discovery; learning and growing together in the light of God.

- Difficulty breathing or wheezing
- Swelling of the lips, tongue or throat
- Persistent coughing
- Difficulty swallowing
- Pale or floppy appearance
- Collapse
- Dizziness
- Loss of consciousness

If anaphylaxis is suspected, treatment should never be delayed.

Emergency Adrenaline Auto-Injector Provision

Wittersham Church of England Primary School maintains a Kitt Medical emergency Anaphylaxis Kitt containing spare adrenaline auto-injectors in accordance with current national guidance. The emergency kit is permanently located on the wall within the main school office where it is clearly identifiable, securely stored and immediately accessible to staff at all times. The emergency adrenaline auto-injector will only be administered by trained members of staff acting in good faith to preserve life and in accordance with current Department for Education guidance

The emergency kit may be used:

- when a pupil's prescribed adrenaline auto-injector is unavailable, damaged or expired
- where a second dose of adrenaline is required whilst awaiting emergency services
- in accordance with current Department of Health guidance for a first presentation of suspected anaphylaxis where clinically appropriate
- for visitors or members of staff in an emergency, where appropriate and in line with national guidance.

The emergency kit does not replace the requirement for pupils prescribed adrenaline auto-injectors to have their own medication available within school.

Roles and Responsibilities

Governing Body

The Governing Body is responsible for ensuring appropriate policies and procedures are in place to safeguard pupils with severe allergies.

Headteacher

The Headteacher is responsible for ensuring this policy is implemented, reviewed annually and monitored effectively. The Headteacher will ensure sufficient numbers of staff receive appropriate training and that emergency procedures are reviewed following any significant incident.

SENCO

The SENCO, Mrs Carly Catt, is the named lead responsible for the day-to-day management of allergy procedures within school.

Responsibilities include:

- maintaining the school's Allergy Register
- ensuring Individual Healthcare Plans are in place and reviewed annually
- overseeing the storage, maintenance and accessibility of the emergency adrenaline kit
- carrying out and recording monthly checks of the emergency kit to ensure all medication remains present, in date and stored correctly
- arranging replacement medication before expiry dates
- ensuring the emergency kit is replenished immediately following use
- maintaining records of staff training
- liaising with parents, healthcare professionals and external agencies where required
- reviewing procedures following any anaphylaxis incident.

Staff

All members of staff have a responsibility to:

- know the location of the emergency adrenaline kit
- understand the school's emergency procedures
- recognise the signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis
- seek assistance immediately
- respond appropriately in an emergency.

All staff will be informed annually of the location of the emergency kit, emergency procedures and how to summon assistance. Relevant members of staff will complete annual training in recognising anaphylaxis and administering adrenaline auto-injectors. New members of staff will receive appropriate training as part of their induction programme. Temporary staff, volunteers and supply staff will be informed of the location of the emergency adrenaline kit and emergency procedures as part of their induction where

appropriate.

Record Keeping

The SENCO will maintain:

- The school's Allergy Register.
- Individual Healthcare Plans.
- Staff training records.
- Monthly emergency kit inspection records.
- Records of any anaphylaxis incidents and subsequent reviews.

These records will be managed in accordance with UK GDPR and the school's Data Protection Policy.

Parents and Carers

Parents and carers have an important role in supporting the school's allergy management procedures.

Parents are responsible for:

- informing the school of any diagnosed allergies
- providing prescribed medication where appropriate
- ensuring medication remains in date
- informing the school immediately of any changes to their child's medical needs.

Parents will be informed that the school maintains an emergency adrenaline auto-injector under current legislation. This policy will be published on the school website and made available upon request.

Individual Healthcare Plans and Allergy Register

Every pupil diagnosed with a severe allergy will have an Individual Healthcare Plan, agreed with parents and, where appropriate, healthcare professionals.

Healthcare Plans will identify:

- known allergens
- typical symptoms
- emergency procedures
- prescribed medication

- emergency contact details.

The SENCO maintains a central Allergy Register, which is reviewed regularly and shared appropriately with relevant staff to ensure pupils receive safe and consistent support throughout the school day, including educational visits, wraparound care and extracurricular activities.

Educational Visits

Risk assessments for educational visits will identify any allergy-related risks. Emergency medication, Individual Healthcare Plans and appropriately trained staff will accompany pupils at all times.

Emergency Procedures

If anaphylaxis is suspected:

- Stay with the child and remain calm.
- Send another member of staff to call 999 immediately.
- State clearly that anaphylaxis is suspected.
- Administer the child's prescribed adrenaline auto-injector immediately or use the emergency school device where appropriate.
- Continue to monitor the child's condition.
- Administer a second dose after five minutes if symptoms persist and another device is available.
- Inform parents as soon as possible.
- Ensure the child is taken to hospital by ambulance, even if symptoms improve.
- A member of staff will accompany the child to hospital if a parent or carer is not immediately available.

Following every incident:

- parents will be informed immediately
- an incident report will be completed
- the Individual Healthcare Plan will be reviewed
- the emergency kit will be replenished where necessary
- procedures will be reviewed to identify any improvements to practice.

Monitoring and Review

The SENCO will undertake and record monthly checks of the emergency adrenaline kit to ensure medication is present, stored correctly and remains within expiry dates. Any expired

On a voyage of discovery; learning and growing together in the light of God.

Compassion

Courage

Cooperation

or used medication will be replaced promptly.

This policy will be reviewed annually, following any significant anaphylaxis incident or sooner if legislation or national guidance changes.

By maintaining effective procedures, appropriate staff training and strong partnerships with parents, Wittersham Church of England Primary School is committed to ensuring that all pupils with severe allergies are supported safely and confidently, enabling them to learn and flourish within our caring and inclusive school community.

On a voyage of discovery; learning and growing together in the light of God.