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Use of EPI Pens in School

Dear Families,

I am writing to you following a change in the government law, which now allows schools to privately purchase spare adrenaline auto-injectors (epi pens) for use on children in school with serious allergies or in emergency situations.

King Edward Primary now hold 1 x lower dose pen (6mths – 5yrs) and 1 x higher dose pen (6yrs -11yrs).

How common is anaphylaxis in schools?

Up to 8% of children in the UK have a food allergy. However, the majority of allergic reactions to food are not anaphylaxis, even in children with previous anaphylaxis. Most reactions present with mild-moderate symptoms, and do not progress to anaphylaxis.

Fatal allergic reactions are rare, but they are also very unpredictable. In the UK, 17% of fatal allergic reactions in school-aged children happen while at school.

Consent needed!

In the event that your child should suffer anaphylaxis in the future, we can only use an EPI Pen with your written consent. I have enclosed a consent form which we would like all families to complete and return as soon as possible. We will then record your consent should this ever be needed.

Please contact our school office on 01623 472215 should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely



Emma Estell
Headteacher





Consent form for the use of emergency adrenaline auto-injector (epi pen)

For a child showing symptoms of anaphylaxis

The school will not administer medicine to your child unless you complete and sign this document.

Name of School	King Edward Primary School & Nursery
Name of Child	
Date of Birth	
Class	
Medical condition or illness	Anaphylaxis

I confirm that I give consent for my child to receive adrenaline from an emergency (in date) adrenaline auto injector held by the school, in an emergency situation, if my child is showing signs of anaphylaxis, which will only be administered by a trained member of staff.

Contact Details

Name of Guardian	
Emergency Contact Number	
Relationship to Child	

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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