



Benedict's

Benedict's Law Safety

Law

and Allergy

At St Clare's, the health, safety and wellbeing of every child is our highest priority.

Benedict's Law was introduced following the tragic death of five-year-old Benedict Blythe, who suffered a fatal allergic reaction at school. The law aims to improve allergy awareness, prevention and emergency response in schools, helping to keep children with allergies safe while ensuring they can fully participate in school life.

What this means for our school

In line with the principles of Benedict's Law, we are committed to:

- Maintaining a clear and up-to-date Allergy Safety Policy.
- Ensuring staff receive allergy awareness and emergency response training.
- Working closely with parents, carers and healthcare professionals to support pupils with allergies.
- Developing individual healthcare plans for pupils with diagnosed severe allergies.
- Keeping emergency medication, including spare adrenaline auto-injectors where appropriate, available on site.
- Promoting an inclusive environment so that pupils with allergies can safely take part in all aspects of school life, including trips, clubs and special events.

Working Together

Parents and carers play an important role in helping us provide a safe environment. We ask families to:

- Inform the school of any allergies or medical conditions.
- Provide up-to-date medical information and medication where required.

- Notify the school of any changes to a child's allergy management plan.

By working together, we can help ensure that every child is safe, supported and able to thrive in our school community.

For further information, please contact the school office or the member of staff responsible for medical needs and safeguarding.

How to Update Your Child's Allergy Information

To help us keep all pupils safe, it is important that parents and carers provide accurate and up-to-date information about any allergies or medical conditions.

Please inform the school immediately if:

- Your child is diagnosed with a new allergy.
- There are changes to an existing allergy or treatment plan.
- Your child's medication changes.
- An adrenaline auto-injector (AAI/EpiPen) is prescribed, replaced or reaches its expiry date.
- Your child's healthcare professional updates their allergy management advice.

How to Update Information

Parents and carers can update allergy information by:

1. Contacting the school office as soon as possible.
2. Providing any relevant medical documentation from a healthcare professional.
3. Completing or updating the school's medical information forms.
4. Supplying any required medication in its original packaging and within its expiry date.
5. Reviewing and updating your child's Individual Healthcare Plan with the school when required.

Working in Partnership

Effective communication between families, healthcare professionals and schools are an important part of allergy safety and is a key principle of Benedict's Law. Schools are encouraged to maintain clear communication and individual healthcare plans for pupils with allergies.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's allergies, please contact the school office or the member of staff responsible for medical needs.