

# Tempo Primary School



## Anaphylaxis Policy

February 2025

"One more step along the world I go."

## Tempo Primary School Ethos

At Tempo Primary School, we welcome families from all backgrounds. Our Christian values are the foundation upon which we build caring and inclusive relationships within our school community. We provide high quality teaching and learning through a nurturing, child-centred approach. We encourage everyone to achieve their full potential within a supportive learning environment.

### Vision

We will promote positive relationships (within a supportive and caring environment) and strive to inspire a love for learning. We will encourage every child to achieve their full potential and become effective contributors to their community in the future.

### Mission Statement

- To provide an environment where children feel safe, happy and secure.
- To provide high quality teaching experiences designed to include everyone and help us succeed as a school community.
- To provide effective leadership on all levels and promote positive relationships based on core values.
- To work alongside parents and governors and external agencies to deliver the agreed aims of the school.

### Rationale

Anaphylaxis is a severe and potentially life-threatening reaction to a trigger such as an allergy.

Tempo Primary School takes the condition very seriously. With the increase in childhood allergies, it is inevitable that we will have pupils enrolled in school who suffer reactions to varying degrees. Whilst severe allergies pose a challenge to the school, we want children at risk of anaphylaxis to be able to participate fully in daily school life. The arrangements set out below are intended to assist children at risk of anaphylaxis, their parents/guardians and the school, in achieving the least possible disruption to their education and also to make appropriate provision for their medical requirements.

### Arrangements

It is the responsibility of the parents/guardians to inform the school immediately once risk of anaphylaxis has been identified by the medical profession.

Once the school has been informed, the following will happen:

- The Principal will meet with parents/guardians to complete a medical record form.
- Parents/guardians will complete a Care Plan if one has not already been prepared by health professionals.
- Copies of the Care Plan will be kept in the medical register and when necessary, in classrooms, offices, staffroom, school kitchen and dining hall.
- Children at risk from anaphylaxis (and other serious medical conditions) will be highlighted on the Medical Register.
- Teachers and support staff will be made aware of the pupil's identity and nature of allergy.
- All anaphylaxis medication will be kept in a named box with the Care Plan enclosed. These will be retained in the child's classroom (store).

### Roles and Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the class teacher to take the medication box on any outing or educational trip/visit.

It is the parents'/guardians' responsibility to renew the medication annually.

The school canteen will attempt to provide for pupils with allergies where possible. Advice may be sought from the Education Authority for particular allergies.

## Training

Whole staff training on anaphylaxis is carried out every two years for staff involved with the child. Members of staff who have a pupil identified at risk of anaphylaxis will receive training on Anaphylaxis Awareness on the safe use of Auto-Injector from the Health Trust prior to the child starting in their class, where possible. There will always be at least three members of staff with current training in First Aid.

## Precautionary Measures

Tempo Primary School is a Nut-Free School. The following procedures have been put in place:

- The school canteen is nut free.
- Pupils are not allowed to bring nut/nut products into school.
- Allergen/dietary advice will be passed onto venues where pupils might be eating on school trips.
- All parents/guardians will be informed/reminded of our Nut-Free Policy via letters, Welcome Newsletter at the start of the year and they will also be reminded regularly in our monthly school newsletters several times per year.

Where a pupil is at risk of anaphylaxis, a letter shall be sent to the parents/guardians of that class to inform them of the nature of the allergy (nuts/strawberries/kiwi/prawn).

Outside caterers at school events where parents are in attendance (e.g. PTSG Events) may supply allergen foods. It is the parent's/guardian's responsibility to manage this.

## Emergency Procedures

In the event of a severe allergic reaction the pupil's Care Plan will be followed.

The general response is as follows:

- Send someone to inform the Principal or in her absence inform a senior member of staff.

### Mild-moderate reaction

- Administer antihistamines as instructed.
- Contact parent/guardian.

### Signs of Anaphylaxis

- Send someone to phone 999 at first opportunity.
- Lie the child flat.
- Administer auto-injector.
- Remain with the child.
- Commence CPR if necessary.
- If no improvement after 5 minutes, give second auto-injector.

### Retain used auto-injector pens to send with the child in the ambulance

## Conclusion

Anaphylaxis is a serious condition which presents a challenge to the school, however, with sound precautionary measures and support from the Health Trust, school life should continue as normal.

## Approval of Anaphylaxis Policy

### Approved by Board of Governors

Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_