



### **Mission Statement**

*Our Schools rejoice in their foundation as Church of England schools. The Christian ethos is both implicit and explicit in our practice, policies and procedures. Our Christian distinctiveness is evident everywhere; from the entrance, and the Bible verses displayed throughout the school, to the children's exemplary behaviour. Our values are based on the teachings of Jesus Christ and are theological and inclusive. They permeate the children's whole experience and are at the heart of our curriculum and school life in order for them to thrive in the wider world.*

### **Allergy Policy**

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## 1. Rationale

- 1.1** This policy is concerned with a whole school approach to the health care and management of those members of our school community suffering from specific allergies. The Rural Church Schools Academy Trust are aware that our children may suffer from food, bee/ wasp sting or animal allergies and we believe that all allergies should be taken seriously and dealt with in a professional and appropriate way
- 1.2** The Rural Church Schools Academy Trust's position is not to guarantee a completely allergen free environment, rather: to minimise the risk of exposure, encourage self-responsibility, and plan for effective response to possible emergencies.
- 1.3** The Rural Church Schools Academy Trust is committed to no food and drink sharing.

The *Statutory Framework* states that the provider must obtain information about any dietary requirements/allergy. As such families are asked to provide details of allergies in the child's School Admissions Forms, which are submitted before starting school. **Aims**

## 2. Aims:

The intent of this policy is:

- 2.1. To minimise the risk of any child suffering allergy-induced anaphylaxis whilst at school.
- 2.2. To minimise the risk of any child suffering non-anaphylactic reactions (nausea, hives, diarrhoea, constipation, general feeling of unwell).
- 2.3. To ensure that all pupils can take a full and active part in school life as their condition is managed well.
- 2.4. To foster an understanding of and sense of responsibility for the specific needs of the individual members of the school community.
- 2.5. To create an awareness of the action to take should someone with a severe food allergy display its symptoms
- 2.6. To ensure the school complies with the statutory guidance for supporting pupils with medical conditions
- 2.7. The underlying principles of this policy include:
  - The establishment of effective risk management practices to minimise the child, staff, family member and visitor exposure to known trigger foods and insects.
  - Staff training and education to ensure effective emergency response to any allergic reaction situation.

2.6 This policy applies to all members of the school community:

- School Staff
- Families
- Volunteers
- Supply staff
- Children
- Students

### 3. Definitions:

**Allergy** - A condition in which the body has an exaggerated response to a substance (e.g. food and drug) also known as hypersensitivity.

**Allergen** - A normally harmless substance that triggers an allergic reaction in the immune system of a susceptible person.

**Anaphylaxis** - Anaphylaxis, or anaphylactic shock, is a sudden, severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reaction to food, stings, bites, or medicines.

**Epipen** - Brand name for syringe style device containing the drug Adrenalin, which is ready for immediate inter-muscular administration.

**Minimized Risk Environment**- An environment where risk management practices (e.g. Risk assessment forms) have minimised the risk of (allergen) exposure.

**Health Care Plan or Individual Risk Assessment** - A detailed document outlining an individual child's condition treatment, and action plan for location of Epipen.