

Dear Parents and Carers

**Subject: IMPORTANT: New Statutory Allergy Guidance & Action Required**

Following the government's recent announcement regarding new statutory requirements for allergy management in schools (Benedict's Law), we are updating our medical protocols to ensure we meet the highest standards of care.

**The New Allergy Law**

As of March 2026, the Department for Education has introduced mandatory requirements for all schools in England. By September 2026, every school must:

- Maintain a formal, standalone School Allergy Policy.
- Provide compulsory allergy awareness training for all staff.
- Hold "spare" adrenaline auto-injectors (AAIs) for emergency use.
- Maintain a current Allergy Action Plan for every student with a known allergy.

**Our Request to You**

While many of you have already provided medical information to the school, the new guidance requires a more granular level of detail to ensure our staff and catering team can react instantly and correctly in an emergency. We require all parents of students with any food, environmental, or medicinal allergy to complete the attached Allergy Action Plan. Even if your child's allergy is mild or has been outgrown, we must have this documented on record to ensure his/her safety during school hours, on school trips, and in the food areas at School.

**Form to Complete**

If your student has a known Allergy, please complete this form [Allergy Action Plan](#) no later than Friday, 22nd May 2026.

If your child has a personal allergy action plan, completed by a medical professional, please ensure I also have a copy of this emailed to [matron@rgshw.com](mailto:matron@rgshw.com)

**Importance of carrying their own AAI**

If your child is prescribed an Adrenaline Auto-Injector (e.g., EpiPen, Jext), please ensure they continue to carry two in-date pens on their person at all times, as per school policy. The school's emergency spare pens are intended only as a backup.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping the RGS community safe.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Gina Barry  
School Matron