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Dear Parents and Carers,

Whole-School Allergy Policy and Safety Measures

At Hipsburn Primary School we are committed to providing a safe, inclusive environment for all of our children. We are writing to share important updates regarding pupil safety, health, and wellbeing.

To protect our community, and in line with the new national **Benedict's Law** statutory requirements for September 2026, we are updating our whole-school allergy protocols. The new policy can be found within the policy section of our website and will be updated and ratified by governors on an annual basis.

1. Key Rules for Packed Lunches and Snacks

No Nuts Permitted: We are an Allergy-Aware school. Please ensure that **no nuts or products containing nuts** are included in your child's packed lunches or daily snacks. Items to avoid include peanut butter sandwiches, Nutella or chocolate hazelnut spreads, certain cereal/granola bars, and baked goods containing ground nuts. **Please check all ingredient packaging carefully.**

No Food Sharing: Please remind your child that they must never share their snacks or lunch box items with other pupils.

2. Our Statutory Safeguarding Measures

Under the updated guidance, our school has implemented the following strict protections:

Staff Training: All school staff will continue to receive comprehensive allergy awareness and emergency response training.

Emergency Medication: The school holds **spare, back-up Adrenaline Auto-Injectors (AAIs)** on-site to use if a child suffers an emergency allergic reaction. Staff have been trained and will use these on any child as per the guidelines within the school policy that has been adopted from Anaphylaxis UK.



Individual Healthcare Plans (IHPs): Any pupil with a known allergy will have a robust, updated IHP explicitly outlining their triggers and emergency response steps.

3. If your child has a diagnosed food allergy, intolerance, or medical dietary requirement, you must:

Inform the school administration team immediately.

Complete and return our "Notification of allergies form ASAP.

Provide up-to-date medical evidence (such as a GP letter) to ensure we can build an accurate Individual Healthcare Plan.

Contact Miss Solomon directly if your child receives school meals, to arrange for specialised allergy menus.

Even exposure to trace amounts, skin contact, or the scent of an allergen can trigger an immediate emergency for some of our pupils. We greatly appreciate your cooperation, empathy, and vigilance in keeping all of our children safe.

If you have any questions regarding our whole-school policy, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mr K. Moloney

Headteacher / Named Allergy Lead

