



Davenant Foundation School

Emergency adrenaline auto-injector (AAI) consent form

As of 1 October 2017, new guidance from the Department of Health – “Guidance on the use of adrenaline auto-injectors in schools” – states that schools are allowed to keep spare AAIs for emergency use on pupils who have been assessed as being at risk of a severe allergic reaction (anaphylaxis).

Schools may need to administer emergency AAIs if a pupil does not have their medication on them, if the prescribed AAI is out of date, or if it is not working.

The AAIs we store in school are: Epipen (0.3 milligrams). Please ensure your child can be administered with these AAIs before completing this consent form.

Davenant Foundation School will not administer emergency AAIs unless you complete and return this form.

I can confirm:

1. My child has been assessed by a medical professional as being at risk of anaphylaxis.
2. I consent to my child being administered an emergency AAI if my child does not have an AAI with them, if theirs is out of date, or it is not working.
3. I understand that, in the event of a severe allergic reaction where an AAI needs to be administered as soon as possible, a trained first-aider may not be available to administer the medication. In this instance, the nearest member of staff with access to an AAI is able to administer the medication.
4. In the event that my child is administered an AAI, I will be notified as soon as it is possible.
5. I understand that any medication administered to my child is in line with **Davenant Foundation School’s Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy**.
6. I understand I am able to withdraw my consent at any time.

Signed:	Date:
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Name of parent:	
Mobile phone number:	Home phone number:
Child’s name:	Child’s year group

Davenant Foundation School fully complies with information legislation. For the full details on how we use your personal information please see the school’s website, or call 020 8508 0404 if you are unable to access the internet.

Describe medical needs and give details of child's symptoms

Anaphylaxis is a severe systemic allergic reaction

The whole body is affected usually within minutes of exposure to the allergen

It can occur within minutes of exposure to an allergen, although it can take several hours.

Signs and symptoms

- Swelling of the mouth or throat
- Difficulty in swallowing or speaking
- Alterations in the heart rate
- Hives (nettles rash) anywhere in the body
- Abdominal cramps, nausea and vomiting
- Sudden weakness
- Difficulty breathing
- Collapse and unconsciousness
- Sense of impending doom.

Daily care requirements (e.g. before sports/at lunchtime)

- Allergen avoidance
- Risk assessment
- Kitchen and dining areas kept clean of food allergens
- Knowledge of food ingredients at meal times
- Discouragement of food sharing
- Easy access to emergency medication
- Annual staff training

Describe what constitutes an emergency for the child, and the action to take if this occurs

Not all of the above symptoms need to be present before giving treatment and seeking help. Any of these symptoms may be present, although most pupils with anaphylaxis would not necessarily experience all of them.

In a mild anaphylaxis reaction:- such as hives (nettles rash)

- Give antihistamine (if prescribed for child)
- Monitor child closely
- Ring parents

In a severe anaphylaxis reaction (see above for signs and symptoms):

- Stay calm
- Dial 999
- Using the care plan, assess the reaction
- Administer prescribed Epipen and monitor the result, if no improvement or condition gets worse give the second prescribed Epipen between 5 and 15 minutes. (NB Not everyone may be prescribed second Epipen).
- Only use prescribed Epipen
- Make a note of the time

• If unconscious place child in recovery position, and monitor child's airway.
Monitor closely until the ambulance arrive.