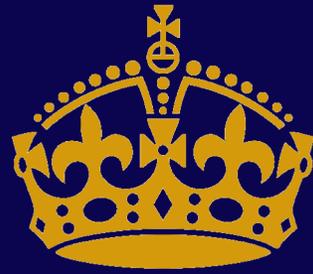


# Current Guidance for Schools



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# GUIDANCE ON THE USE OF ADRENALINE AUTO-INJECTORS SEPTEMBER 2017

## About this Guidance:

- ^ The Children and Families Act 2014 requires governing bodies of English schools to make arrangements for supporting pupils with medical conditions. The Human Medicines (Amendment) Regulations 2017 allows schools to obtain, without prescription adrenaline auto-injectors

## Applies to:

- ^ All primary & secondary schools in the UK (this guidance is non-statutory)

## Provided to assist and guide:

- ^ Schools, school governors, etc.
- ^ Pharmacy
- ^ Parents / carers
- ^ Pupils



# Main Content Covered

## The document contains non-statutory advice on:

- ^ Recognition and management of an allergic reaction / anaphylaxis
- ^ Arrangements for the supply, storage, care and disposal of adrenaline auto-injectors
- ^ Pupils to whom a spare auto-injector can be administered
- ^ Responding to the symptoms of an allergic reaction
- ^ Responsible staff
- ^ Useful links
- ^ Letter template to obtain an adrenaline auto-injector



# #2 Key Points

- ^ The guidance should be read in conjunction with *'supporting pupils at school with medical conditions'* statutory guidance
- ^ All primary and secondary schools including independent schools in the UK can purchase adrenaline auto injector (AAI) without the need for a prescription
- ^ The spare AAI can be used in an emergency with children known to be at risk of anaphylaxis
- ^ A spare AAI should be used without delay should the pupils own device not be immediately available or not working
- ^ The school's spare AAI should only be used on pupils known to be at risk of anaphylaxis, for whom both medical authorisation and written parental consent for use of the spare AAI has been provided
- ^ All information should be recorded in a child's individual healthcare plan

