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Dear Parents/Carers

Important Changes to Allergy Safety in Schools

The safety and wellbeing of every child in our care is our highest priority.

From **September 2026**, all schools in England are required to implement new statutory guidance from the Department for Education to strengthen allergy safety in schools. These changes, often referred to as **Benedict's Law**, have been introduced following extensive work by the Department for Education, Anaphylaxis UK and Natasha's Allergy Research Foundation to ensure that schools provide the safest possible environment for children with allergies.

As part of these changes, our school has reviewed its allergy procedures and policies.

What this means for our school

From September:

- We will continue to maintain individual healthcare plans for children with diagnosed allergies
- All staff have received enhanced allergy awareness and anaphylaxis training
- The school will hold **spare adrenaline auto-injectors (EpiPens/Jext/ devices)** for use in an emergency
- These spare devices may be administered to any child or adult experiencing suspected anaphylaxis, where clinically appropriate, even if they have not previously been diagnosed with an allergy. In a life-threatening emergency, legislation allows trained staff to administer a spare adrenaline auto-injector without prior parental consent where immediate action is required to save life. Parents will, of course, be informed immediately if this ever becomes necessary

Food tasting and milk

As part of our updated allergy procedures, we are also seeking parental consent for:

- participation in food tasting activities that form part of the curriculum; and
- the provision of milk in school, where applicable.

Even if your child has no known allergies, it is important that we have an up-to-date record of your wishes.

Action required

We would be grateful if **all parents and carers** could complete our short Google Form by clicking the following link: [Food Tasting and Allergy Consent Form](#).

If your child's allergy or dietary needs change at any point during the school year, please inform the school office immediately so that we can update our records and healthcare plans.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation as we implement these important changes. And by doing so, we can help ensure that Purbrook Infant School remains a safe and inclusive environment for every child.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher