Sacred Heart
Catholic Primary School
Headteacher: Mr P Eaton B.A. (Hons), M.Ed.

Friday 4th September 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

You may or may not be aware but there has recently been new legislation regarding Asthma and Allergies. Benedict's Law came into force on 1st September 2026 and in order to comply with legislation, we have a new Allergy Policy available to view on the school website.

Asthma

Any child who has been diagnosed with asthma or an allergy will need to provide school with a Pupil Action Plan provided by the doctor.

A spacer would ideally be provided for children with an inhaler.

It is the parent's responsibility to make sure that all medicines are in date. We will be sending inhalers and spacers home each half term to be reviewed and cleaned. Again, it is the parent's responsibility to make sure the medicines are back in school when we re-open.

As always with any medicine, you will be requested to sign a medical form and give consent for us to use the emergency inhaler if required.

Allergies

Any child who has been diagnosed with an allergy will receive an Individual Heathcare Plan (IHP) from school.

All staff have received training to recognise early symptoms of allergic reactions and to respond to anaphylaxis. Schools are required to stock additional Adrenalin Auto Injectors, of which we have 7.

Please be aware in line with Benedict's Law, we do not require your consent to apply an Epipen or Adrenalin auto injector (AAI) if we suspect your child is having an anaphylactic attack.

We will be sending out the asthma / consent / medical forms to you next week.

If you have any queries, please contact school.

Yours faithfully,

Mr M Darlington

Acting Headteacher