



**ALLEYN'S SCHOOL
FIRST AID POLICY**

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This policy applies to the Senior School. Separate arrangements for Junior School pupils including those in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) are covered in the Junior School First Aid Policy.

Alleyn's School aims to achieve timely and competent administration of First Aid, and this policy is regularly reviewed, and our training and practices monitored in order to achieve that aim.

MEDICAL ROOM PROCEDURES

Hours

The School Nurses (RGN) are in the Medical Room from 8.30am until 5.30pm (5.00pm on Fridays). There are usually two nurses on duty to cover the busiest part of the day.

Out of hours first aid cover

There is First Aid cover by a duty first aider available from 7.00-8.30am and from 5.30 - 9.30pm weekdays (from 5.00pm on Fridays), should anyone require help before the nurses arrive or after they have left. On Saturdays for sports fixtures, medical cover is provided by trained personnel. An emergency first aider is also available from 12.00 – 6.00pm on Saturdays and on Sundays from 07.30 – 9.00pm.

Responsibility and Training

The Nurses have two main areas of work. The first is to provide a professional and confidential system of healthcare and advice. The second is to provide First Aid cover for the senior school. Members of the nursing staff each hold a HSE approved First Aid at Work Certificate, some hold A&E certificates. Regular updating and education for the Nurses is part of their registration on the Nursing and Midwifery Council. The Junior School has a Nurse working from 8.00am-4.30pm every day.

Facilities

The 'Medical Room' comprises three rooms. The Nurses' Office is used for private consultations with pupils, staff or parents and for initially assessing some pupils when they present to the Nurse. The main waiting area has seating for six where most pupils are seen, medication dispensed and minor injuries treated. A quiet room is available for rest with two couches, pillows and blankets, with dividing curtains to maintain some privacy when required. A disabled toilet is located just outside the medical room.

School Doctor

Dr Shail Parihar, from a local GP surgery, visits the Medical Room at least twice a term and acts as a professional back up for the Nurses and is available by telephone for discussion if necessary.

Medical Information Form

Parents complete a Medical Information and Consent Form (*see Appendix 1*) prior to their child starting at Alleyn's School. This is stored securely and confidentially in the Medical Room. The pupil's records are kept securely in the medical room until the pupil reaches the age of 25, after which the records are transferred to secure storage under the care of the Data Controller (currently the Bursar).

Return to School after illness

Parents are asked to keep their child at home if they are ill or infectious and to telephone or email the School absence line **each morning** to inform the School of their absence. Vomiting and diarrhoea is particularly contagious in a school community and the School follows the guidelines from Public Health England who recommend that pupils are kept off school for 48 hours from the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea. Any pupil who has had diarrhoea is also excluded from swimming at school for 14 days after the last episode in accordance with the Pool Safety Operating Procedures. The School must be informed of any diseases that are reportable and Public Health England will be informed.

Medical Room attendance

Pupils should always ask permission from their teacher to visit the Medical Room and should visit between lessons if possible. **However, there are some pupils who need to have immediate access to the Medical Room. Anyone with a head injury, bleeding injury, burns, severe pain or certain medical conditions such as diabetes, asthma, epilepsy, severe allergy, or migraines must be allowed immediate access to the Medical Room. Clearly if urgent medical attention is necessary permission slips are not required. Pupils should be accompanied by another pupil (or a member of staff) to the Medical Room, or the Nurse will be called to attend. Coronavirus is highly contagious virus spread by coughing, sneezing, and touching contaminated surfaces. If any child displays symptoms of Covid they must isolate while waiting to be collected for PCR test (See separate policy).**

Non-urgent/non-emergency situations

For non-urgent/non-emergency situations, pupils are encouraged to visit the Medical Room outside lesson time i.e. break/lunch/free periods. At these times there is free access to a Nurse and permission is not required.

Medical Room visits during lessons

Should a pupil need to go to the Medical Room during lesson time, permission must be sought from their teacher. The teacher should sign the pupil's calendar confirming permission to attend the Medical Room. Once the pupil is ready to return to class, the Nurse will document the date and time in the calendar.

A pupil leaving a lesson (or the Games Fields) to attend the Medical Room should be accompanied by another pupil.

All pupil visits to the Medical Room are entered onto the secure computer system (only accessed by nursing staff). This records any treatment or advice given and duration of stay. School staff may view the Medical Room attendance via the school intranet but only duration of visit and whether they went home/hospital is readable. Frequent visitors to the Medical Room are monitored and Form Tutors and/or parents notified if necessary. A record of pupils' medical room attendance is circulated at the end of each week to Housemasters and Heads of Section. Nurses can refer pupils directly to the School Counsellor or the School Chaplain should the pupils request it or if the Nurses feel that it would be helpful to the pupil.

Return to class/parent collection

The pupil will be sent back to class unless the Nurse gives permission for them to remain in the Medical Room until feeling better. If a pupil needs to be sent home, the Nurse will make contact with the parents

and the Form Tutor is notified. Pupils in the Lower or Middle School who are unwell must be collected by a parent or guardian. Upper School pupils may go home after their parents have been notified by the Nurses.

The Nurses are informed by the Liaison Health visitors from A&E departments of local hospitals if pupils attend following an accident at home or school.

Out-of-Nurse-Hours First Aid Provision

Outside Nurses' hours, the emergency duty First Aid number, run by the lifeguards, is 07702 103454. At the weekends there is First Aid provision on Saturdays from 12.00-6.00pm and on Sundays from 7.30am-9.00pm.

Sport

Saturday sport medical arrangements run separately from the coverage above, depending on the sport and the venue. The SOCS system gives specific details.

Head Injuries

Any pupil who has sustained a head injury is carefully monitored in the Medical Room for a period appropriate to the injury. School refer to the NICE Guidelines on head injuries when assessing whether a pupil needs to be seen in A&E. Every pupil who has sustained a head injury is given a Head Injury Advice Form (*see Appendix 2*) which is explained and discussed with them. Parents are contacted by email with a Head Injury Form attached, or by telephone depending on the severity of the injury, if the Nurses consider it appropriate. If concussion is confirmed or symptoms of post-concussion persist, the School follows the Head Injury Advice for Pupils regarding return to sport (*see Appendix 2*).

Hospital admission

If an injury requires hospital treatment the pupil will be accompanied to King's College Hospital by an adult from the School or, if possible, a parent. The parents, if not already with the pupil, will be directed straight to the hospital. Parents sign and complete the Medical Information & Consent Form (*see Appendix 1*) to give permission for emergency treatment including anaesthetics or surgery in the event of the parent(s) not being contactable.

Medicines

A supply of over-the-counter medications such as Paracetamol, Ibuprofen, antihistamine, cough linctus, throat lozenges and indigestion tablets are kept in a locked cupboard in the Medical Room and given out when appropriate. Pupils' own medication can be brought in and kept in the locked cupboard or locked fridge, parents are asked to complete an individual consent form for prescribed medication to be given at school. Parents sign and complete the Medical Information & Consent Form (*see Appendix 1*) to consent to their son/daughter being given medication. All treatments, immunisations and medication that are dispensed are recorded on the pupils' computer medical records (*see separate Medicines Policy, Appendix 4*). Staff who bring their own medication to school must store this safely, so it is not accessible by pupils.

Pupils with existing medical conditions

Some pupils have specific medical problems/needs. Individualised care plans are drawn up in consultation with parents and pupils for those pupils with specific health needs such as diabetes, anaphylaxis, epilepsy etc. and circulated to relevant staff. Staff who are due to take pupils with medical conditions on educational visits are advised to discuss each pupil's needs with the Nurses well in advance of the visit, as set out in the School Educational Visits Policy. Occasionally it is appropriate to have a meeting with the staff member, the parents, pupil and the Nurses prior to the visit. For recording accidents that occur on educational visits please see the Educational Visits Accident Report Form (*Appendix 5*). The Medical Room also has policies on the care of pupils with diabetes, asthma, epilepsy and anaphylaxis reaction. See separate policies on Asthma (*see Appendix 6*), Diabetes (*see Appendix 7*), Anaphylaxis (*see Appendix 8*) and Epilepsy (*see Appendix 9*). These policies are included in

the First Aid kit taken on each educational visit and are available on the School Hub for staff reference. Parents are asked to inform the nurses of new medical conditions or changes to existing conditions at the start of the academic year.

Asthma

Pupils with asthma should carry their own inhalers with them and they should keep a spare inhaler in an unlocked drawer in the Medical Room. An Asthma Register is displayed in the staff common room. Pupils should carry their inhalers with them for games lessons, off-site sporting fixtures and educational visits.

Anaphylaxis

The school caterers do not knowingly purchase, store or use nuts/sesame/coconut or products containing nuts/sesame/coconut (with the exception of Food Technology where such ingredients may be used in a controlled environment).

To safeguard the health of pupils with nut and/or sesame and or coconut allergies, nuts/sesame/coconut and products containing nuts/sesame/coconut are not permitted at School (with the exception of Food Technology where such ingredients may be used in a controlled environment). Parents should ensure that any food brought into school does not contain any nuts/sesame or coconut.

Individually named and bagged adrenaline auto-injectors (AAIs), and oral antihistamines, for those who may suffer severe allergic reactions are kept in pockets in the Medical Room. A list of pupils with anaphylaxis is displayed in the staff common room. Training is given to staff in the administration of an AAI should it be required in an emergency. Pupils should ensure that AAIs and oral antihistamines are taken with them on educational visits. Pupils are instructed not to bring nuts/ sesame/ coconut and/or products containing nuts/ sesame/coconut to school for any reason. (See *Appendices 8 and 10*).

Staff

Staff visit the Medical Room for First Aid, advice and treatment, if feeling unwell. Their visits are documented in a book which is kept confidentially and locked in the Nurses' Office. The Nurses provide occasional teaching sessions for staff as needed. Staff taking medication should refer to, and abide by, the School Minibus Policy (Drivers' Responsibilities) if they intend to drive pupils.

Health Education

Health Education is an ongoing process. The Nurses are available for individual consultations with pupils. Leaflets and posters are displayed both inside the Medical Room and on a notice board outside the Medical Room, covering a wide range of topics such as: immunisations, smoking, drug and alcohol awareness, sexual health, mental well-being, fitness, stress and healthy eating. Relevant advice sheets are given to pupils as appropriate.

Spillages of body fluids

Blood and body fluids have a potential to expose staff and pupils to blood-borne pathogens. Blood and body fluid precautions must be applied to all staff and pupils regardless of their presumed or known infective status. Nurses wear protective gloves when treating wounds or disposing of body fluids. Body fluid spillages should be dealt with as soon as possible with ventilation of the area. Anyone not involved with the cleaning of the spillage should be kept away from the area and protective clothing should be worn when dealing with the spillage such as gloves and aprons.

Disposable paper towels should be used to mop up the excessive spillage and then discarded into a yellow clinical waste bag. Detergent and warm water with paper towels should be used to clean carpeted areas. Granules (kept in Medical Room) can be sprinkled directly onto the spillage on hard floor areas or outside areas, left for 2 minutes and then scooped up using paper towels and then discarded in a yellow clinical waste bag (clinical waste bin kept in Medical Room). Once initial cleaning has been performed the Premises Manager should be informed and arrange for the carpet to be cleaned if appropriate. Small body fluid kits are provided for school trips e.g. such as travel sickness.

Staff Trained In First Aid

Lists of school staff who are trained in First Aid are displayed online (the Hub) and in staff areas e.g. the Staff Common Room and Reception. Lists are amended and updated at the start of each term. The training is updated every three years.

First Aid Boxes

The First Aid boxes are checked by the Nurses at the beginning of each term and expired items are replaced. They are replenished more frequently than this if used. First Aid kits are available to borrow from the Medical Room for staff to take on educational visits and sports fixtures.

AED Qualification

Training is provided to staff. The majority of AED-trained staff also hold the First Aid at Work qualification.

AED MACHINES

The school has seven defibrillator machines and participates in the London Ambulance Service defibrillator accreditation scheme.

PROCEDURE IN THE EVENT OF AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING INJURY TO A PUPIL AT SCHOOL

1. All injuries other than the trivial, and all head injuries, should be reported as soon as practicable to the School Nurse and, if possible, to the Form Tutor concerned. Give what First Aid you can at the scene of the accident if necessary.
2. **If a serious accident occurs, call the Nurse on the mobile 07823 539259 (or telephone 020 8557 1498, internal extension 1498) to assess the situation. An ambulance should be called if necessary, or if less serious the casualty should be escorted to the A&E Department at King's College Hospital by a member of staff, or preferably by a parent.**

It is impossible to legislate for such an event outside weekday school hours, but trained First Aiders, parents or spectators may be able to help. If you are in doubt about the seriousness of an injury, play safe and seek medical aid. Concussion, for example, may not be immediately evident.

3. The School Nurse will take the responsibility for informing parents and the Form Tutor if the member of staff notifying the accident has not been able to.
4. An Accident Form, available from the Medical Room (*Appendix 5A*), Bursar's Office or on the Hub should be completed as soon as possible by the witness to the accident. Forms should be handed in to the Nurse within 24 hours. This applies to accidents on educational visits outside normal lesson/term time as well as accidents at school. There is a separate Accident Form for accidents/incidents that occur on educational visits (see *Appendix 5*). Form Tutors should be informed of any major incidents.
5. Form Tutors, Heads of Section or Housemasters will follow up as appropriate. (In the Lower School, the role of Housemaster will be taken by the Head of Lower School.)
6. Some incidents that occur in schools must be reported to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) online under the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013 (RIDDOR). **The decision to report an accident to RIDDOR is decided by the Bursar**, but the medical team should advise the Bursar if they feel it is likely to need reporting. Also, the Deputy Head (Personnel & Administration) should provide details of staff absences due to an injury at work lasting more than seven days.

Reportable major injuries to School employees include:

- Fractures other than to fingers and toes;
- Amputations;
- Loss of sight, or reduction in sight;
- Any crush injury to the head or torso causing damage to the brain or internal organs;
- Serious burns which cover more than 10% of the body, or cause damage to the eyes or vital organs;
- Any loss of consciousness caused by a head injury, or asphyxia;
- Any other injury from working in an enclosed space which requires resuscitation or admittance to hospital for more than 24 hours.

A serious incident relating to a pupil, staff or visitor should be reported to RIDDOR if the accident results in the death of the person, or the injured person is taken immediately to hospital and requires treatment, (diagnostic tests do not constitute treatment). Accidents that occur as a result of normal games activities are not reportable, but a fracture that occurs due to a slip or faulty equipment would be reportable.

Also, accidents which prevent staff from returning to work for more than seven days (not including the day of the injury), must be reported within 15 days.

OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)

There are seven defibrillator machines at Alleyn's, situated as follows:

1. Reception (Main Building, Senior School)
2. Swimming pool Lobby (Senior School)
3. Junior School First Aid Room (Junior School)
4. Public toilet (opposite the Astro-turf)
5. Medical room (Senior School)
6. Top field (boys changing rooms)
7. EAC building, Burbage Rd (downstairs hallway)

These are checked regularly.

Staff involved in helping the casualty should do the following:

- **Dial 999 for an ambulance and commence CPR**
- **Send someone (if available) to bring the nearest AED machine**
- **Alert nurses (if on School site) on 020 8557 1498 (internally, ext 1498) or mobile 07823 539259**
- **Out of hours emergency number 07702 103 454**
- **Ring Reception (if on School site) on ext 1458 or 020 8557 1458 from mobiles (Medical Emergency Line) or ext 1500**

Please state the exact location of the casualty clearly. If on the School site, Reception will then:

1. Send a runner to take the reception AED machine to the casualty (if someone has not done so already);
2. Alert the AED trained First Aiders giving them the location of the casualty;

3. Inform Security and the Lodge to be ready to direct the ambulance crew and to open any gates;
4. Inform member of SMT to inform parents (if pupil).

The Nurse (if on School site) and First Aiders will make their way immediately to the casualty and continue/support CPR. The AED machine will be connected to the casualty as soon as it arrives. Any First Aiders not directly involved with the resuscitation should assist with:

- The safety of the casualty;
- Organise for someone to meet the ambulance crew and direct them to the scene;
- Moving on bystanders;
- Be ready to continue resuscitation if the other First Aiders become tired.

After the incident:

1. An Incident Report should be completed irrespective of whether or not the AED machine was used;
2. Any equipment used from the pouches should be replaced;
3. If used, the memory chip should be passed to London Ambulance personnel who will arrange to get it read and produce a printout for our records;
4. The Incident Report and all associated paperwork are to be handed to Medical Room for filing and safe keeping;
5. The AED machine should be returned to the location it came from, having first checked that it is reset and restocked ready for future use;
6. Following an incident, the nurses will arrange a debriefing session with all the staff involved. This is to support those involved and to highlight any concerns that may have arisen and make subsequent alterations to the procedure if necessary.

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL MEDICAL INFORMATION & CONSENT FORM

On completion, this form should be sent via the Registrar (or, if preferred, direct) to: School Nurses, Alleyn's School, Townley Road, London SE22 8SU. Please notify the School Nurses (nurses@alleyns.org.uk or 020 8557 1498) of any changes to these details.

Pupil's surname:		Forename/s:	
Date of birth:		Home phone:	
Home address:			
Postcode:			
Parent details:		Parent details:	
work phone:		work phone:	
mobile:		mobile:	
email:		email:	
Contact details for two friends or relatives who would collect your child in an emergency in your absence or if for any reason we could not reach you:			
Friend/Relative #1 name and phone:		Friend/Relative #2 name and phone:	
Pupil's GP: name, address and phone:			
Pupil's height now in cm:	Pupil's weight now in kg:	Pupil's previous school:	

Please circle YES / NO as appropriate

1	Does your child suffer from any medical or emotional conditions (eg asthma, epilepsy, diabetes, eczema, depression, anxiety, etc)? Details:	YES	NO
2	Does your child suffer from allergies (eg hayfever, food, medication, elastoplast etc)? Details:	YES	NO
3a	Is your child taking any medication? Details:	YES	NO
3b	Does your child need to carry medication with them at school, eg Adrenaline Auto Injector or asthma inhaler? If 'Yes' please complete details on Form A (attached)	YES	NO
4	Has your child ever had any serious illness, injury or operation? Details:	YES	NO
5	Does your child wear glasses or contact lenses?	YES	NO
	Is he/she colour blind?	YES	NO
6	Does your child wear a hearing aid or have hearing problems? Details:	YES	NO
7	Which vaccinations has your child been given?		
	Vaccination	Date last	Vaccination
			Date/s



			given			
Diphtheria/ Tet / Polio	YES	NO		Meningitis C	YES	NO
Men. ACWY	YES	NO		Hib	YES	NO
BCG (TB)	YES	NO		MMR	YES	NO
HPV (cervical cancer vaccine)				Whooping cough	YES	NO
				Dose 1	YES	NO
				Dose 2	YES	NO
8	Family/Social History: It would be particularly helpful to mention adoption, bereavement, divorce, separation or other relevant social history, and significant medical issues within the immediate family. Details (continue on separate sheet if necessary):					

CONSENT FOR MEDICATION		
I consent for my child to be given the following common medicines by the School Nurses whilst at School:		
ibuprofen (Nurofen) for headaches, period pain and sports injuries, etc (not for asthmatic students)	YES	NO
Paracetamol/Calpol for headaches, period pain and sports injuries, etc	YES	NO
Antihistamine in case of an allergic reaction	YES	NO
Antacid for indigestion & heartburn	YES	NO
Simple linctus for coughs	YES	NO
<p>_____</p> <p>SIGNED DATE</p> <p>_____</p> <p>PRINT NAME</p>		

DECLARATION	
Except as described in this Medical Information Form, I confirm that my child is in good health and I agree to inform the School of any relevant change in my child's medical condition.	
I understand that in a medical emergency, a School nurse or a member of the School staff will support my child. This may include accompanying my child to hospital until a parent or guardian is present.	
When a parent or guardian cannot be contacted, I understand that a School nurse or a member of the School staff may provide verbal or written agreement for anaesthetics or surgery in an emergency when asked to do so by a healthcare professional. The School will make every effort to contact a parent or guardian.	
<p>_____</p> <p>SIGNED DATE</p> <p>_____</p> <p>PRINT NAME</p>	

Medical forms are treated as confidential and are kept securely, since this type of information is considered "special category data" under new data protection law. Alleyn's School is firmly committed to your privacy and the protection of your information. For more information about privacy, please see the Privacy Notice on our website alleyns.org.uk

APPENDIX 2

HEAD INJURY ADVICE FOR PUPILS

Date

Name.....suffered a head injury today at

Anyone who has sustained a head injury should be observed for 24 hours.

The following are signs and symptoms to monitor for and if your child experiences any of these he/she must be seen by a doctor immediately:

- The injury was related to loss of consciousness
- Increased difficulty in waking from sleep than usual
- Appears confused or doesn't seem to understand what you are saying to them
- Repeated vomiting
- Severe headache
- Any problems with their vision
- Fits/collapse
- Any abnormal behaviour
- Loss of use of part of the body e.g. Weakness in one arm or leg
- Dizziness, loss of balance or walking strangely
- Blood or clear fluid leaking from the ear or nose
- Sudden onset deafness in one or both ears

Do expect your child to be generally more tired, especially in the first few hours after the injury. Immediately after the injury you can allow them to sleep but check them at least every hour for the first 4 hours to make sure they are sleeping normally and can easily be roused.

Do give paracetamol if they have some pain over the site of the injury or a general headache.

Do encourage them to be quieter than usual and to avoid active games.

Don't allow alcohol or recreational drugs.

CONCUSSION/SYMPTOMS OF CONCUSSION

If concussion is confirmed or if symptoms of post-concussion syndrome persist, the School's policy regarding return to sport is as follows:

Return to sports

Following concussion your child must refrain from all sports for a minimum of two weeks. After this time if your child feels ready to return to sport they must provide written confirmation from a doctor/parent that they have been symptom free for a least one week and are fit to start a gradual return to sport. The PE staff will facilitate this, and it will involve a minimum of another week of graded physical activity before returning to competitive sport.

SHOULD A CONCUSSION OCCUR OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL, IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARENTS TO INFORM THE SCHOOL.

The safety and well-being of our pupils is our primary concern at all times.

Further information can be found as follows:

- <http://patient.info/health/head-injury-instructions>
- <http://patient.info/health/post-concussion-syndrome>
- http://www.afpe.org.uk/images/stories/Concussion_guidelines_for_the_education_sector_June2015.pdf

APPENDIX 3

FORM A

**REQUEST AND CONSENT FOR PUPIL TO CARRY HIS/HER OWN EMERGENCY ALLERGY MEDICINE
(Adrenaline Auto Injector - eg EpiPen)**

Pupil's name

Name of medicine and dosage:

Further information:

Parent's name Daytime phone:

- I will ensure my child keeps his/her medicine in his/her possession for use as necessary.
- I have advised my child to attend the medical room/ summon help in the event of an allergic reaction.
- I will inform the school nurses immediately via email (nurses@alleyns.org.uk) if there are any changes to their medication, or if it is stopped.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE **DATE**

From October 2017, the Department of Health allows schools to stock Adrenaline Auto Adrenaline Injectors (AAI) and states these must be considered a spare and not a replacement to the pupil's own medication.

In the event of my child displaying symptoms of anaphylaxis and if their AAI is unavailable or unusable, I consent to my child being given the AAI held by the school for such emergencies.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE **DATE**

REQUEST FOR PUPIL TO CARRY HIS/HER OWN MEDICINE (eg asthma inhaler or other)

Pupil's name

Name of medicine and dosage

Further information

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Parent's name Daytime phone:

- I wish my child to keep his/her medicine in his/her possession for use as necessary.
- I have advised my child that if he/she still feels unwell after use of an asthma inhaler he/she should go promptly and accompanied to the medical room.
- I will inform the school nurses immediately via email (nurses@alleyns.org.uk) if there is any change in dosage or frequency of the medication, or if it is stopped.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE **DATE**

Return this form to the School Nurses, Alleyn's School, Townley Road, London SE22 8SU. Further copies may be downloaded from our website: www.alleyns.org.uk.

APPENDIX 4

MEDICINES POLICY

Storage of Medicines

The medical room keeps a small selection of over the counter medications and some individually prescribed medications. Medicines are stored in accordance with the product instructions and in the original container in which dispensed. Medicines for individual pupils are clearly labelled with the name of the child, the name and dose of the medicine and the frequency of administration. Where a child needs two or more prescribed medicines, each should be in a separate container. Medicines are stored in a secure cupboard. There is a locked refrigerator for medicines which need to be refrigerated and the temperature is maintained between 2- 8 degrees.

Administration

When a child joins the school, parents / carers are asked for details of any regular medication their child is taking. They also indicate whether they give consent for over the counter medication to be given at school.

Medicines are administered by trained nursing staff. In the absence of a School Nurse the pupil will be treated by a nominated member of staff with First Aid training, but they are not qualified to administer medication. All medication given is recorded in the pupil's electronic medical records.

Pupils with emergency medication such as asthma inhalers and adrenaline auto-injectors plus oral antihistamines are shown their location in the medical room. These are readily available and not locked away so that they are accessible in an emergency.

Controlled drugs

Controlled drugs, if prescribed, are locked in a separate metal cupboard in the Nurses' office. The Nurses administering controlled drugs keep a record of the number of tablets stored in the controlled drugs register. The medicine must be clearly labelled with the pupil's name, dosage required and in the original container. When being administered, the Nurse and a witness must sign to confirm the pupil's name, date, time dispensed, dosage given and how many tablets are remaining. Any remaining medication not required by the pupil is returned by the Nurses to the parents.

Immunisations

Immunisations are carried out on the school premises for pupils in accordance with the Department of Health guidelines, following parental consent being obtained. NHS School Nurses attend the School to administer the immunisations. A record in the pupil's medical notes of any vaccines given, the date and batch number.

Disposal of Sharps

Sharps boxes are available for the disposal of needles and other sharp clinical waste. Collection, disposal and replacement of the boxes is arranged with Cavabash Group Services.

Educational visits

Pupils are encouraged to take their own medication for personal use on school trips. Pupils with severe allergy **must** bring their adrenaline auto-injectors and oral antihistamines on the trip. Pupils with asthma **must** bring their inhalers with them.

APPENDIX 5

EDUCATIONAL VISITS ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT FORM

Use this form to report all accidents including near misses. All sections are to be completed

Sections A-E can be completed by the member of staff to whom the accident is reported.

Sections F & G should be completed by the Visit Leader or member of staff designated with First Aid for the visit.

The form should be sent to the Educational Visits Coordinator and Bursar within 48 hours of return to school. Serious accidents should be reported immediately by telephone to the appropriate Senior Contact and signed statements from the injured person and from any witnesses giving their accounts of what happened should be attached to this report.

Section A – about the accident

When did it happen?	(Date)	(Time)
Where did it happen? (Building, floor level, room number, etc where appropriate)		
Time seen by Nurse		

Section B – about the injured person (if no-one was injured, go to Section C)

Name		
Age	Male / female	Pupil / Staff / Visitor / Contractor
If the injured person is a pupil, give the form otherwise give his/her home address		
If the injured person was employed by someone else at the time of the accident, what is the name and address of his/her employer		

Section C – Describe what happened and the events leading up to the incident

Signature of injured person:

Section D – Witnesses

Give names, telephone numbers (& addresses if not pupils or staff) of witnesses, if any.
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Section E – The injury

Describe the injury and which part of the body was affected	
Detail any treatment given, time and by whom	

Sections A-E – Completed by

Name		Email telephone /	
Signed		Date	

Section F – Outcome

Injured person taken directly to hospital? Yes/No Time: If a pupil, have the parents been informed? Yes/No Time: What happened next? a) Continued with planned school visit b) Collected by parents c) Other (please specify)	Risk assessment/Action taken:				
	How to prevent in future:				
If staff member, did the injury cause absence from work?		Has the injured person returned to work?		If yes, when did they return?	
Further information following assessment by GP/A&E:					

Section G – To be completed by the Bursar

Do you believe that the accident/incident is RIDDOR reportable?	Yes/No	
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Section H – Further information

Copy of Accident Form to:

If pupil - Head of Junior/Lower/Middle/Upper School

If staff - Head

- Bursar - Bursar

- Pupil's medical records

- File of accident reports

- File of accident reports (kept in Medical Room)

(kept in Medical Room)

APPENDIX 5A

ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT FORM (NOT EDUCATIONAL VISITS) ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORT FORM

Use this form to report all accidents including near misses. All sections are to be completed

Sections A-E can be completed by a School Nurse or any member of staff to whom the accident is reported. Sections F & G should be completed by the School Nurse.

The form should be sent to the Bursar within 48 hours of the accident. Serious accidents should be reported immediately by telephone (ext. 1451) and signed statements from the injured person and from any witnesses giving their accounts of what happened should be attached to this report.

Section A – about the accident

When did it happen?	(Date)	(Time)
Where did it happen? (Building, floor level, room number, etc where appropriate)		
Time seen by Nurse		

Section B – about the injured person (if no-one was injured, go to Section C)

Name		
Age	Male / female	Pupil / Staff / Visitor / Contractor
If the injured person is a pupil, give the form otherwise give his/her home address		
If the injured person was employed by someone else at the time of the accident, what is the name and address of his/her employer		

Section C – Describe what happened and the events leading up to the incident

Signature of injured person:

Section D – Witnesses

Give names, telephone numbers (& addresses if not pupils or staff) of witnesses, if any.

Section E – The injury

Describe the injury and which part of the body was affected	
Detail any treatment given, time and by whom	

Sections A-E – Completed by

Name		Email / telephone	
Signed		Date	

Section F – Outcome

Injured person taken directly to hospital? Yes/No Time: If a pupil, have the parents been informed? Yes/No Time: Back to class <input type="checkbox"/> A&E <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Time left school:	Risk assessment/Action taken:			
	How to prevent in future:			
If staff member, did the injury cause absence from work?		Has the injured person returned to work?		If yes, when did they return?
Further information following assessment by GP/A&E:				

Section G – To be completed by the Bursar

Do you believe that the accident/incident is RIDDOR reportable?	Yes/No	
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Section H – Further information

Copy of Accident Form to:

- If pupil - Head of Junior/Lower/Middle/Upper School
- Bursar
- Pupil's medical records
 File of accident reports (kept in Medical Room)

- If visitor - Bursar
- Child's school
- File of accident reports (kept in Medical Room)

- If staff - Head
- Bursar
- File of accident reports (kept in Medical Room)

APPENDIX 6

ASTHMA POLICY

Alleyn's School recognises that asthma is a widespread, serious but controllable condition affecting many pupils at the School. The School positively welcomes all pupils with asthma. Alleyn's aims to do everything possible to ensure that the School environment is favourable for pupils with asthma.

Record Keeping

- When a child joins the School, parents/carers are asked if their child has any medical conditions including asthma on their medical form.
- All parents/carers of children with asthma are consequently sent an Asthma Pack containing an Asthma UK school card, leaflets and an explanatory letter outlining asthma guidelines for their child whilst at Alleyn's. The letter asks them to take the card to their child's doctor or asthma nurse to complete and then return it to the Medical Room. From this information, the School Nurses keep an Asthma Register (a list of all pupils at Alleyn's who have asthma). This is available to all staff; updated lists are posted up in staff areas at the start of each academic year.
- Parents and pupils are encouraged to attend an annual asthma review at the GP surgery/hospital and to inform the School Nurses of any changes in their asthma management.
- Pupils are encouraged to have and be familiar with a personal asthma action plan.
- Pupils with a history of severe or unpredictable asthma have individual care plans, circulated to relevant staff.

Asthma Medicines

- Immediate access to reliever medicines is essential. Pupils at Alleyn's are encouraged to carry their reliever inhaler on them at all times during the School day, including PE and educational visits. Parents/carers are asked to supply a spare labelled reliever inhaler (and spacer/aero chamber if used), which is kept in an unlocked drawer in the Medical Room. Nurses check the expiry dates of all inhalers at the start of each term. Parents/carers are sent a letter from the Nurses indicating when medication expiry dates are approaching, and are asked to provide a new replacement inhaler for the Medical Room when needed.
- A spare reliever inhaler with spacer is available in the Medical Room for emergency use when pupils do not have their own reliever inhaler. A copy of the Asthma Register is kept near the spare inhaler. A Nurse can be contacted at all times during the school day via the medical room 'phone or the Nurses' mobile 'phone.

PE and Games

- Taking part in sports, games and other activities is an essential part of school life for all pupils. The PE staff are aware of all asthmatic pupils in the School from the School Asthma List.
- Pupils with asthma are encouraged to participate fully in all PE and games lessons. PE staff will remind pupils whose asthma is triggered by exercise to take their reliever inhaler before the lesson, and to thoroughly warm up and down before and after the lesson. Pupils must be encouraged to take their reliever inhaler to all PE and games lessons. If a pupil needs to use their inhaler during a lesson, they will be encouraged to do so. Should symptoms persist they will be sent, accompanied, to the Medical Room for assessment by the School Nurse. **If in any doubt that the pupil is able to get safely to the Medical Room, telephone the Nurses and ask them to come to the pupil.**

- The school is aware that many pupils will have school sporting commitments both on and off the school site, during the week and at weekends. **The School expects pupils to bring an in date reliever inhaler with them for all sporting activities, on and off site.**

Educational Visits

- Careful consideration is given to the First Aid requirements and individual medical needs of pupils on visits, including any pupils with asthma. Where necessary, staff are fully briefed with regard to the specific requirements of individual pupils on a visit.
- Parents complete a Parental Consent Form for each visit which gives the Visit Leader relevant medical information.
- A First Aid kit should be taken on all visits. The Visit Leader should collect a First Aid kit, including a copy of the medical condition policy for asthma, from the School Nurses.
- If pupils carry medication such as an inhaler, then staff should ensure that the pupils have their inhaler with them before departure.

When Asthma is interfering with school life

- If a pupil is missing a lot of time at school or is always tired because their asthma is disturbing their sleep at night, the Nurses will contact the parents/carers. If PE staff notice that a child is unable to fully participate in PE they will speak to the Nurses or directly to their parents/carers.
- The school recognises that it is possible for pupils with asthma to have special educational needs due to their asthma.

Asthma attacks

- Alleyn's provides an environment where pupils are confident to manage their asthma by ensuring that staff have the skills to assist them if they have an asthma attack. The Nurses follow guidelines set out by Asthma UK and Education for Health. Any pupil who has an asthma attack and who still gives rise for concern after initial treatment will be referred promptly to parents/appropriate medical help. The school Nurses attend regular training sessions to update their knowledge and keep abreast of changes in asthma care. All staff who have completed a 3 day First-Aid-at-Work course receive regular training to help recognise and assist a person with an asthma attack and seek further medical help as appropriate.
- Posters detailing 'How to recognise an asthma attack' and 'What to do in the event of an asthma attack' are posted, adjacent to the Asthma Register, in staff areas.

Asthma treatment

There are two types of treatment:

- **Preventers**-these inhalers are usually taken twice daily at home and are normally in a brown container. When taken regularly they make the air passages less sensitive to the triggers that can start an attack. They take 10-15 days to work. This type of inhaler does not help an acute asthma attack and should not be kept at school.
- **Relievers**-these are the inhalers used in an acute attack to relieve the symptoms of asthma and are usually in a blue container.

HOW TO RECOGNISE AN ASTHMA ATTACK

The signs of an asthma attack are:

- Persistent cough (when at rest)
- A wheezing sound coming from the chest (when at rest)
- Difficulty breathing (the child could be breathing fast and with effort, using all accessory muscles in the upper body)
- Nasal flaring

- Unable to talk or complete sentences. Some children will go very quiet.
- May try to tell you that their chest 'feels tight' (younger children may express this as tummyache)

CALL AN AMBULANCE IMMEDIATELY AND COMMENCE THE ASTHMA ATTACK PROCEDURE WITHOUT DELAY IF THE CHILD:

- Appears exhausted
- Has a blue/white tinge around lips
- Is going blue
- Has collapsed

WHAT TO DO IN THE EVENT OF AN ASTHMA ATTACK

- Keep calm and reassure the child
- Encourage the child to sit up and slightly forward
- Use the child's own inhaler – if not available, use the emergency inhaler
- Remain with the child while the inhaler and spacer are brought to them
- Immediately help the child to take two separate puffs of salbutamol via the spacer
- If there is no immediate improvement, continue to give two puffs at a time every two minutes, up to a maximum of 10 puffs
- Stay calm and reassure the child. Stay with the child until they feel better. The child can return to school activities when they feel better

If the child does not feel better or you are worried at ANYTIME before you have reached 10 puffs, **CALL 999 FOR AN AMBULANCE**

- If an ambulance does not arrive in 10 minutes give another 10 puffs in the same way
- Arrange for a member of staff to accompany the pupil to A&E department
- Contact parents and arrange for them to meet their child at the hospital
- Continue to reassure the pupil
- Photocopy school medical records and asthma card to give to the ambulance crew
- Note timings of start of attack and all symptoms to tell the ambulance crew.

APPENDIX 7

DIABETES POLICY

Diabetes is a long-term medical condition where the amount of glucose in the blood is too high because the body can't use it properly

This happens because:

- The pancreas does not make any or enough insulin
- The insulin does not work properly
- Or sometimes it can be a combination of both

Most school-age children who develop diabetes will have type 1 diabetes, which is when the body is unable to produce any insulin. Pupils with this form of diabetes need to replace their missing insulin and will need to take insulin by injection or pump for the rest of their lives. They need to adjust their insulin dose and diet according to their daily routine. In order to do this they need to regularly test their blood sugar levels using a finger pricking device and an electronic blood glucose meter. Insulin is normally administered via an insulin pen or a pump. Normal blood glucose levels are between 3.5-7.0 mmol/l. Hypoglycaemia is a low blood sugar (below 3.5mmol/l). Hyperglycaemia is a high blood sugar, over 10mmol/l and remains high.

Record Keeping

- When a child joins the school parents/carers are asked via a medical form whether their child has any medical conditions such as diabetes
- All parents /carers of pupils with diabetes are contacted by the School Nurse and invited to come in with their child prior to starting at Alleyn's to discuss their diabetes. A detailed individualised care plan is drawn up at this meeting and circulated to relevant teaching staff prior to them starting at Alleyn's. Some pupils will require more support at school with their diabetes than others
- A photographic list is comprised of all pupils who have diabetes; this is displayed in staff areas. The list is updated as necessary throughout the school year

Diabetic Medicines

Most pupils will carry their insulin with them in school or will use an insulin pump.

Some pupils will keep spare insulin (in a locked fridge) and equipment in the Medical Room.

The Medical Room keeps in stock a supply of dextrose sweets, Lucozade and biscuits should a pupil have a hypoglycaemic attack.

Pupils' own Glugacon injections are kept in the Medical Room unlocked fridge for easy access and hypostop is also stocked; these are both used to treat more severe hypoglycaemic attacks.

Educational Visits

- Careful consideration is given to the First Aid requirements and individual medical needs of pupils on visits, including any pupils with diabetes. Where necessary, staff are fully briefed regarding the specific requirements of individual pupils on a visit.
- Parents complete a Parental Consent Form for each visit which gives the Visit Leader relevant medical information.
- A First Aid kit should be taken on all visits. The Visit Leader should collect a First Aid kit, including a copy of the medical condition policy for diabetes from the School Nurses.

- If pupils carry medication such as insulin, then staff should ensure that they pupils have it with them before departure and is stored appropriately.

Diabetes and school life

Pupils at Alleyn's who have diabetes are encouraged to participate fully in all aspects of school life including sport and residential visits.

Alleyn's provides an environment where pupils are confident to manage their diabetes by ensuring that staff have the skills to assist them should their blood sugar become too low/high.

Pupils are encouraged to attend their hospital appointments regularly and keep the Nurses updated with any changes in their diabetic management. School Nurses liaise with pupils' specialist diabetic Nurses from the local hospitals as necessary.

Hypoglycaemia

Hypoglycaemia is when blood sugar drops too low, i.e. 3.5 mmol/l or below.

Causes include:

- too much insulin
- too little carbohydrate
- late/missed meal
- more exercise than usual

Signs include:

- pallor
- sweating
- trembling
- slurred speech
- lack of concentration, vagueness
- altered behaviour e.g. irritable
- weakness

Treatment of low blood sugar, in a pupil who is fully conscious

If at school, send the pupil to the Medical Room with another pupil to accompany them, as long as they are able. If in any doubt that the pupil is able to get safely to the Medical Room, telephone the Nurses and ask them to come to the pupil.

Check the blood sugar level (the pupil can usually do this with their own kit)

Give **one** of the following;

- 100ml (half to a third of a plastic cup) Lucozade
- 150 ml small carton of fruit juice
- 5 dextrose sweets
- 150 ml fizzy drink e.g., Coke, lemonade (not diet)

Sit the child down for 5 minutes. If no improvement in 5 minutes, recheck the pupil's blood sugar and give further sugar if blood sugar still below 3.5 mmol/l.

Always follow the sugary drink with starchy food to prevent the blood sugar from dropping again. Good foods include a roll/sandwich, a cereal bar, several biscuits, or a muffin.

The pupil should remain in the Medical Room until their blood sugar is at least 5 mmol/l. Parents may be informed of hypo attack which is at the Nurse's discretion, particularly if pupil is slow to respond.

Treatment of low blood sugar, in a pupil who is drowsy

If at School, telephone the Nurses and ask them to come quickly to the patient.

Glycogel or sugar can be massaged into the child's cheek if they are alert enough to be able to swallow it. Be ready to call an ambulance if no improvement after applying. Inform parents of their child's condition.

Treatment of low blood sugar, in a pupil who is unconscious

If the child is unconscious and/or fitting, no attempt should be made to put anything into their mouth. The child should be placed on their side in the recovery position and an **ambulance should be called immediately**. Glucagon can be administered into the outer thigh by anyone trained to do so, whilst waiting for the ambulance to arrive. Parents to be informed as quickly as is practical.

Hyperglycaemia

This is when the blood glucose level is above 10mmol/l. Common symptoms include: thirst, frequent urination, tiredness, dry skin, nausea, blurred vision.

Parents should be contacted who may request that the pupil gives extra insulin. Urinalysis may be undertaken if pupil is at school to test for the presence of ketones.

An ambulance should be called if the following symptoms are present:

- Deep and rapid breathing
- Vomiting
- Breath smelling of nail polish remover

PE, Games and other activities

Taking part in sports, games and other activities is an essential part of school life for all pupils. The majority of pupils with diabetes should be able to enjoy all kinds of physical activity, but they do need to prepare carefully for all forms of physical activity, as all types of activity use up glucose.

Ensure that the pupil has time to check their blood glucose levels prior to starting the physical activity.

If it is **above 15mmols** they should not take part in the activity, but should attend the Medical Room if within school hours and test their urine for ketones. Short-acting insulin should be given by the pupil and they should allow their levels to come down before taking part in any activity.

If the blood sugar is **below 5mmols**, they should be allowed to attend the Medical Room (if well enough to) and to have some sugar such as Lucozade and then followed up by a snack. It is usually advisable for them to miss the period of physical exercise as blood sugar may drop during the exercise.

If the blood sugar levels are **within normal limits**, they need to ensure that they have eaten enough prior to the activity and to have sugary snacks available during and after the exercise session.

Staff should keep an eye on pupils with diabetes whilst doing sport and physical activities but not single them out for special attention. Staff should know when to intervene if a pupil has signs of low blood sugar levels (see above) and offer sugary snacks and allow the pupil to rest from the

activity and check their blood glucose levels. The pupil should be able to continue the activity once they have recovered (blood sugar levels need to be well above 5mmol/l). A pupil's recovery time is influenced by a number of factors, including how strenuous the activity and how much the pupil has eaten recently.

After an activity pupils with diabetes may need to eat some starchy food, such as a sandwich or a bread roll, but this will depend on the timing of the activity, the level of exercise taken and whether a meal is due.

Pupils with **insulin pumps** need to disconnect the pump during contact sports and although some may be waterproof, pupils may prefer to disconnect when swimming. Pumps cannot be disconnected for long periods of time because the pump uses fast-acting insulin. Generally, the pump should be disconnected for no longer than one hour. When the pump is disconnected, no more insulin will enter the body and the blood glucose level will gradually begin to rise. Check that the pupil remembers to reconnect their pump as soon as the activity is over and tests their blood glucose levels.

APPENDIX 8

Anaphylaxis Policy

Anaphylaxis is a severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. It may occur within minutes of exposure to an allergen, although sometimes it can take hours. It can be life-threatening if not treated quickly with adrenaline, administered via an adrenaline auto-injector (AAI). Alleyn's welcomes all pupils with severe allergies and aims to do everything possible to ensure that allergens are kept to a minimum.

Record keeping

- When a child joins the School, parents/carers are asked if their child has any medical conditions including allergies on their Medical Information Form
- All parents/carers of children with severe allergies are sent a letter from the nurses outlining guidelines for their child whilst at Alleyn's and requirements for provision of AAI
- The nurses keep an Anaphylaxis List (a list of all pupils at Alleyn's who may suffer anaphylaxis). This is available to all staff; updated lists are posted up in staff areas at the start of each academic year.

Allergy Medicines

- Immediate access to emergency adrenaline medication, in the form of an AAI, is essential. Pupils at Alleyn's are encouraged to carry their AAI with them at all times during the school day, including PE and school trips
- Parents/carers are asked to supply a spare labelled AAI and oral antihistamines such as cetirizine which are kept unlocked in the Medical Room. An emergency pack is made for each pupil to include the AAI, antihistamines, a recent photograph of the pupil, details of the specific allergy, emergency contact details for parents/carers and a hospital care plan if provided
- Nurses check the expiry dates of all medicines at the start of each term. Parents/carers are sent a letter from the nurses indicating when medication expiry dates are approaching, and are asked to provide replacements for the Medical Room when needed.
- The school is aware that many pupils will have school sporting commitments both on and off the school site, during the week and at weekends. The pupils must have their personal emergency pack with them for all sporting activities. As a safety precaution, this personal allergy pack should contain two in date, labelled Adrenaline Auto Injectors (AAI) as well as oral antihistamines. All pupils with serious allergies are asked to provide the school with their mobile phone number.
- Emergency anaphylaxis kits are available in the school. This is a combined initiative for both Senior and Junior Schools. These contain generic AAIs, provided by the school with full instructions for use and a photograph list of all the pupils whose parents have consented to their use in the event of an emergency. Senior School nurses monitor them for expiry dates and use.

Educational Visits

- Careful consideration is given to the First Aid requirements and individual medical needs of pupils on visits, including any pupils with severe allergy/anaphylaxis. Where necessary, staff are fully briefed with regard to the specific requirements of individual pupils on a visit.

- Parents complete a Parental Consent Form for each visit which gives the Visit Leader relevant medical information.
- A First Aid kit should be taken on all visits. The Visit Leader should collect a First Aid kit and spare individual AAI including a copy of the medical condition policy for anaphylaxis, from the School Nurses.
- Pupils with severe allergies must ensure they bring their AAI and oral antihistamines with them on the trip

Allergies and school life

The school caterers do not knowingly purchase, store or use nuts/sesame/coconut or products containing nuts/sesame/coconut.

To safeguard the health of pupils with nut and/or sesame and or coconut allergies, nuts/sesame/coconut and products containing nuts/sesame/coconut are not permitted at School.

Parents should ensure that any food brought into school does not contain any nuts/sesame or coconut.

- The school nurses liaise closely with the catering staff and Food Technology (FT) staff in order to provide as safe an environment as possible for pupils with food allergies
- A list of all pupils with a food allergy is given to the FT department at the start of each academic year. With this information, the FT department follows a risk assessment (*see Appendix 10*) for use of ingredients that are allergens for some pupils
- The FT department does not use nuts/sesame/coconut or nut/sesame/coconut products during work with pupils in Years 7– 9
- Controlled use of nuts /sesame may occasionally be beneficial for GCSE students in which case procedures will follow the risk assessment (*Appendix 10*)
- Pupils are encouraged to attend their hospital appointments regularly and to keep the nurses updated with any changes in their allergy management

Anaphylactic shock

- Alleyn's aims to provide an environment where pupils are confident to manage their allergies by ensuring that staff have the skills to assist them if they have a severe allergic reaction. The nurses follow guidelines set out by the Anaphylaxis Campaign. The school nurses attend regular training sessions to update their knowledge and keep abreast of changes in anaphylaxis care. All staff who have completed a First Aid at Work course receive regular training to help recognise and assist a person having a severe allergic reaction and seek further medical help as appropriate
- A trainer AAI is available in the Medical Room for staff to familiarise themselves with using an AAI should the emergency arise
- A document detailing 'Emergency First Aid for anaphylactic shock' is posted, adjacent to the Anaphylaxis List, in staff areas

Emergency First Aid for Anaphylactic Shock

Signs and Symptoms of Anaphylaxis:

- A - Airway Obstructed
- B - Breathing Irregularly
- C - Circulation Impaired

If any of the following symptoms are evident with any degree of severity, in a child with a known history of anaphylaxis, it must be presumed that the child is having a severe allergic reaction and emergency treatment for anaphylaxis must be given immediately.

A - Airway Obstructed

- hoarseness
- swollen lips/tongue
- itching sensation in throat
- difficulty in swallowing

B - Breathing Irregularly

- breathlessness
- noisy breathing
- unable to communicate verbally
- severe asthma

C - Circulation Impaired

- pallor
- clammy skin
- rapid or weak pulse
- may be blue around mouth
- sudden weakness/floppy/collapse

Other commonly seen symptoms include: the feeling that something dreadful is happening, flushing of the skin, hives/dramatic itchy rash and abdominal cramps/nausea and vomiting.

Action Plan

1. Administer AAI into outer thigh following manufacturer's instructions; lie child down with feet raised; note time
2. Dial 999 for an ambulance stating that child has collapsed with anaphylactic shock
3. Call the Nurses on ext 1498 or mobile 07823 539259
4. Call Reception to inform ambulance coming
5. Contact Parents; to come to Alleyn's if very nearby, otherwise meet at King's A&E
6. Have second AAI ready in case it's needed, 10 minutes after first dose.

APPENDIX 9

EPILEPSY POLICY

Epilepsy is a neurological condition where there is a tendency for people to have seizures which start in the brain. A seizure is a short episode of symptoms caused by a burst of abnormal electrical activity in the brain, typically lasting a few seconds to a few minutes. A seizure can affect the muscles, sensations, behaviour, emotions, consciousness, or a combination of these symptoms and can happen at any time. There are many different kinds of epilepsy and about 40 different seizure types.

Seizures can happen without warning, but in some people certain triggers can be identified:

- Stress, anxiety, excitement
- Hormonal changes
- Not taking medication as prescribed
- Unbalanced diets or skipping meals
- Late nights
- Alcohol and recreational drugs
- Some over the counter and prescription medications
- Illness
- Photosensitive epilepsy

Record keeping

When a child joins the School, parents/ carers are asked if their child has any medical conditions such as epilepsy. Parents and prospective pupils are invited to meet with the Nurses prior to starting at Alleyn's to discuss their individual needs.

A detailed individualised care plan is drawn up and circulated to relevant teaching staff prior to them starting at Alleyn's. This can help the school and staff to identify possible triggers and how to avoid them. Staff will be advised on simple First Aid measures to help the child from being harmed by the seizures and when to call an ambulance.

Medication

The majority of people with epilepsy take regular medication with the aim of controlling their seizures, which can generally be taken outside school hours. Side effects can cause drowsiness, poor memory and concentration, confusion, irritability over activity and weight gain.

If a pupil needs to take medication during school hours, the Nurses can supervise the pupils taking their medication provided parents have given consent.

Management of Epilepsy

- Try to stay calm, call the school Nurses if during school hours.
- Note the time to try to check how long the seizure is lasting.
- Remove harmful objects from nearby. Only move the child if they are in a dangerous place e.g. at the top of stairs or in the road.
- Do not restrain or put anything in the mouth.
- Try to stop other people from crowding and ask them to move away.

When the seizure stops

- Place the child in the recovery position, check their breathing and pulse at regular intervals and be prepared to resuscitate. Wipe away any spit and if their breathing is difficult check to see if anything is blocking their airway like food.
- Examine for and manage any injuries.
- Try to minimise any embarrassment. If they have been incontinent, deal with this as privately as possible.
- Stay with them giving reassurance until they have fully recovered. Inform parents of seizure. Allow pupil to have supervised rest in Medical Room following seizure until they feel recovered.
- Arrange emergency admission if it is their first seizure.
- For tonic-clonic seizure lasting more than 5 minutes, or more than 3 seizures in the hour,
- **dial 999** and treat with buccal / intranasal midazolam if prescribed and available. (Individually tailored dose as per care plan and signed consent by parents. The required dose is drawn up and half the dose is administered quickly to each side of the lower buccal cavity, between the cheek and gum).
- Midazolam has a sedative effect similar to diazepam but of shorter duration.

The onset of action usually occurs within 5 minutes. In 80% of episodes convulsions have stopped after 10 minutes. The side effects are similar to IV administration although the timings may differ:

- Respiratory depression
- Hypotension
- Drowsiness
- Muscle weakness
- Slurred speech
- Occasionally agitation, restlessness and disorientation may occur

Call an ambulance for urgent hospital admission if:

The seizure continues for more than 5 minutes

- One seizure follows another without the pupil regaining consciousness between seizures (**Status epilepticus** this is a longer seizure or series of seizures without regaining consciousness which lasts for 30 minutes or more and is a medical emergency).
- This is their first seizure
- The pupil is injured during the seizure
- You believe that the pupil needs urgent medical attention

Educational Visits

- Careful consideration is given to the First Aid requirements and individual medical needs of pupils on visits, including any pupils with epilepsy. Where necessary, staff are fully briefed with regard to the specific requirements of individual pupils on a visit.
- Parents complete a Parental Consent Form for each visit which gives the Visit Leader relevant medical information.
- A First Aid kit should be taken on all visits. The Visit Leader should collect a First Aid kit, including a copy of the medical condition policy for epilepsy, from the School Nurses.
- If pupils carry medication, then staff should ensure that they pupils have it with them before departure. If pupils carry emergency medication, staff should be trained to administer if required.

PE, Games and other activities

Pupils are encouraged to take part in all aspects of exercise and physical activity (with supervision

where appropriate).

Alleyn's operates a 'buddy system' for swimming and the PE staff are all informed prior to a pupil joining Alleyn's with epilepsy.

Epilepsy and School

Pupils with epilepsy may struggle academically in comparison with their peers and some may have problems with learning and attendance. Close liaison with the Learning Support staff and parents is essential to help the pupil manage the school day. Pupils may be exhausted if they experience night time seizures; seizures during the school day can disrupt their learning.

Pupils are encouraged to attend their regular medical appointments and to inform the School Nurses of any changes to their epilepsy management.

Further information is available from www.epilepsy.org.uk.

APPENDIX 10

Risk Assessment for nuts, sesame and coconut usage in the Food and Nutrition This section has been taken from the School's Health & Safety policy

Allergies and school life

To safeguard the health of pupils with all allergies including nut, sesame and coconut allergies, and products containing nuts, sesame and coconut are not permitted at school. Parents should ensure that any food brought into school does not contain any nuts, sesame or coconut.

- The School Nurses liaise closely with the catering staff and Food & Nutrition staff in order to provide as safe an environment as possible for pupils with food allergies.
- The school caterers do not knowingly purchase, store or use nuts, sesame or coconut, or products containing nuts, sesame or coconut, or nut, sesame, coconut traces.
- A list of all pupils with a food allergy is given to the F&N department at the start of each academic year. With this information, the F&N department follows a risk assessment (see Appendix 10) for use of ingredients that are allergens for some pupils.
- The F&N department does not use nuts/sesame/ coconut or nut/sesame/coconut products during work with pupils in Years 7–9.
- There is controlled use of nuts in some GCSE lessons. On these occasions, the department follows the risk assessment (Appendix 10).
- Pupils are encouraged to attend their hospital appointments regularly and to keep the Nurses updated with any changes in their allergy management

Anaphylactic shock

- Alleyn's aims to provide an environment where pupils are confident to manage their allergies by ensuring that staff have the skills to assist them if they have a severe allergic reaction. The Nurses follow guidelines set out by the Anaphylaxis Campaign. The School Nurses attend regular training sessions to update their knowledge and keep abreast of changes in anaphylaxis care. All staff who have completed a First Aid at Work course receive regular training to help recognise and assist a person having a severe allergic reaction and seek further medical help as appropriate
- A trainer AAI is available in the Medical Room for staff to familiarise themselves with using an AAI should the emergency arise
- A document detailing 'Emergency First Aid for anaphylactic shock' is posted, adjacent to the Anaphylaxis List, in staff areas
- The F&N department has an AAI located between rooms C11 and C12.

RISK ASSESSMENT FOR NUT, SESAME AND COCONUT USAGE IN THE FOOD AND NUTRITION DEPARTMENT

To safeguard the health of pupils with nut and/or sesame and/or coconut allergies, nuts/sesame/coconut and products containing nuts/sesame/coconut are not routinely permitted at School. However, it is sometimes proposed for pupils studying GCSE Food and Nutrition to use nuts, and/or sesame, but not coconut. To overcome any possible dangers from using such products in Food and Nutrition, the following risk assessment applies:

Activity	Hazard and Associated Risk	Who?	Probability	Control Measures (Reducing the Risk)	Outcome
Cooking activities in Food and Nutrition lessons	Risk of nuts, sesame and coconut being brought into the F&N department by pupils	Pupils with nut, sesame and coconut allergies	Medium	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. School Nurses give Head of F&N up to date lists of all pupils who have an allergy in the first week of the academic year. 2. Pupils are told that they should not bring nuts, nut products, sesame, sesame products (eg. tahini) or coconut into the School. 3. Parents receive an Admissions Handbook which explains that pupils should not bring in banned foods listed in point 2 above. 4. If a pupil does bring nuts, sesame, coconut or food containing nuts, sesame or coconut, this will be kept in the F&N Department office. The pupil may collect and take home at the end of the day. 5. The F&N department has an allergy control kit containing an Automatic Adrenaline Injector. This is located on the wall between C11 and C12. 	<p>Low</p> <p>No nuts/ sesame/ coconut to be used</p>
Controlled use of nuts and sesame in Year 10-11 GCSE F&N lessons (it is sometimes proposed for pupils studying F&N to use nuts, and/or sesame)	Risk of allergic reaction in F&N by pupils cooking with nuts, and/or sesame.	Pupils with nut, sesame allergies	Low	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To avoid the F&N classrooms being contaminated by traces of nuts or sesame, the technicians will wash all equipment in the dishwasher at a high temperature. The work surfaces will be sanitised at the end of the lesson. 2. GCSE pupils who work with nuts are made to work in a workstation at one end of the classroom and on their own. The work surfaces are sanitised at the end of the lesson. 3. If a pupil does bring nuts, sesame, coconut or food containing nuts, sesame or coconut, this will be kept in the F&N Department office. The pupil may collect and take home at the end of the day. 4. The F&N department has an allergy control kit containing an Automatic Adrenaline Injector. This is located on the wall between C11 and C12. 	<p>Low</p>