



Department
for Education

Benedict's Law

School Allergy Safety Bill

Utilising Medical Tracker to make sure your school is prepared for
the new statutory guidance.

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Key points

1. Allergy safety will become a statutory requirement

Schools will be expected to comply with new mandatory guidance on allergy management, rather than treating it as optional best practice. The guidance is expected to apply nationwide by September 2026.

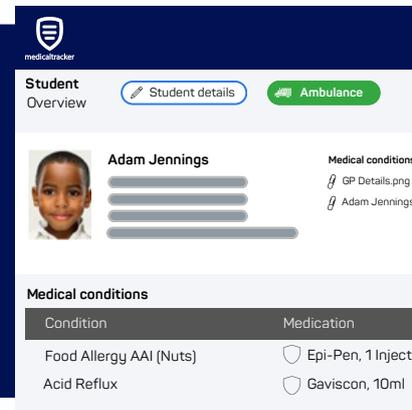
Implication for schools

- Allergy management becomes part of formal safeguarding and compliance.
- Schools will need clear processes to demonstrate they are managing risk properly.

Where Medical Tracker helps

Medical Tracker enables schools to **digitally record and monitor medical conditions**, including allergies and anaphylaxis risks.

Having a centralised record helps **ensure staff are aware of pupils' medical needs and can respond quickly in an emergency.**



2. Schools must implement clear allergy policies

Schools will be expected to develop and maintain a robust, whole-school allergy and anaphylaxis policy. This policy should cover:

- Preventing allergen exposure
- Managing allergic reactions
- Emergency response procedures
- Communication with staff and parents

Implication for schools

- Policies alone are not enough; schools will need clear systems to implement them day to day.

Where Medical Tracker helps

- Keep up-to-date healthcare plans for pupils
- **Share critical medical information with relevant staff.**
- Maintain **clear documentation and audit trails** of incidents.



3. Individual allergy action plans must be in place

Pupils with severe allergies should have individual healthcare or allergy action plans so staff know how to respond in an emergency.

These plans should include:

- Known allergens
- Symptoms of reaction
- Emergency treatment steps
- Medication instructions

Implication for schools

Staff need immediate access to these plans when an incident occurs.

Where Medical Tracker helps

Medical Tracker allows schools to **store and access individual healthcare plans digitally**, ensuring that staff can quickly check medical information and follow the correct procedure.



4. Staff training will be expected

Schools will need to ensure staff receive training in allergy awareness and emergency response, including recognising symptoms of anaphylaxis and using adrenaline auto-injectors.

Implication for schools

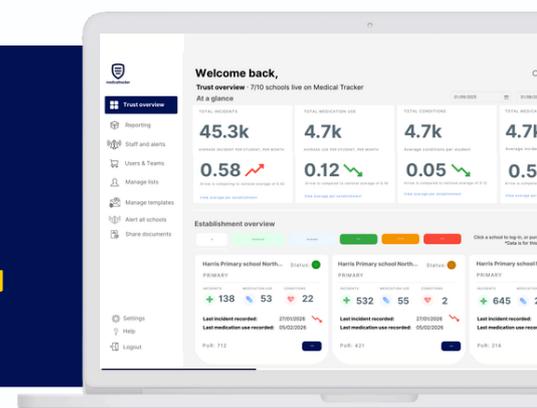
Training needs to be supported by systems that help staff:

- Know which pupils have allergies.
- Follow the correct procedure during incidents.

Where Medical Tracker helps

Medical Tracker supports staff awareness by ensuring:

- **Medical information is visible to the right staff.**
- Incidents are recorded consistently, **helping schools review and improve procedures.**





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5. Access to emergency medication

Schools are expected to ensure access to emergency adrenaline auto-injectors and to have clear procedures for their use during an allergic reaction.

Implication for schools

Emergency responses must be quick, documented and reviewable.

Where Medical Tracker helps

Medical Tracker enables schools to:

- Record allergy incidents and near misses.
- Review patterns and risks.
- **Ensure incidents are properly documented to safeguard and comply with regulations.**



Why this matters for schools

Allergies affect a significant number of pupils, and schools are one of the most common places where severe allergic reactions occur outside the home.

The new guidance means schools must move from informal processes to structured, auditable systems that support safe allergy management.

70% of schools in England did not have the recommended allergy safeguards in place.

500,000 days of learning was lost last year due to allergy-related illnesses or medical appointments, according to the DfE.

336% increase in the prescription rates of adrenaline auto-injector pens in the last 20 years.

Anaphylaxis happens more in school than in any other setting outside the home in the UK.



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School Business Manager, Russell Lower School

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