

Emergency Adrenaline Auto-Injector (EpiPen) Policy

Our Commitment

At Discoveries Montessori, the health, safety and wellbeing of every child is our highest priority.

In line with the allergy-safety measures introduced under Benedict's Law and current Department for Education guidance, Discoveries Montessori keeps emergency adrenaline auto-injectors (EpiPens/AAls) on the premises for use in the event that a child experiences a suspected anaphylactic reaction and their own prescribed adrenaline auto-injector is unavailable, inaccessible or not available for use.

Adrenaline auto-injectors are an emergency treatment for anaphylaxis, a potentially life-threatening severe allergic reaction. Current government guidance states that where anaphylaxis is suspected, adrenaline should be administered promptly and emergency medical assistance requested.

Emergency Procedure

If a child is suspected to be experiencing anaphylaxis, trained staff will:

- Recognise and assess the signs and symptoms of a severe allergic reaction.
- Follow the child's individual Allergy Action Plan or Individual Healthcare Plan, where one is in place.
- Administer the child's own prescribed adrenaline auto-injector where this is available and appropriate.
- Where necessary, administer Discoveries Montessori's emergency adrenaline auto-injector in accordance with current guidance and staff training.
- Call 999 and request an ambulance, stating that the child is experiencing anaphylaxis.
- Remain with the child and continue to monitor them until emergency medical assistance arrives.
- Contact the child's parent/carers as soon as reasonably practicable.
- Record the incident and the emergency treatment provided in accordance with the setting's safeguarding, medical and incident-reporting procedures.

Emergency adrenaline is intended to provide potentially life-saving treatment while emergency medical assistance is obtained. It does not replace assessment or treatment by emergency medical professionals.

Important:

- A child's individual medical or Allergy Action Plan should always be followed where one is available
- This consent form should be read alongside Discoveries Montessori's full allergy, medical conditions and emergency procedures.