Nether Green Junior School

Medical Needs, First Aid and Allergy Information for Parents

We want to keep all children safe, healthy and included in every aspect of school life. Please take note of the following key points:

- **Nut and Sesame Awareness:** Please do not send your child to school with any food containing peanuts, tree nuts, sesame seeds or products containing them. We cannot guarantee a completely allergen-free site, so we rely on your help with this.
- **Allergies and Anaphylaxis:** Pupils with severe allergies have Individual Healthcare Plans (IHCPs). Adrenaline auto-injectors (AAIs, e.g. EpiPens) — both those prescribed to individual pupils and the school's own spare supply — are kept in school, and all staff receive allergy and anaphylaxis training every year.
- **Asthma:** All pupils with asthma must keep a labelled inhaler in school at all times. A spare inhaler is strongly recommended. We keep a record of your child's asthma on our asthma register — please share a copy of their Personal Asthma Action Plan from their GP or asthma clinic if they have one.

The school also holds a spare salbutamol inhaler for emergency use, and inhaler expiry dates are checked at the start of each academic year.

- **Medicines in School:** We can only accept prescribed medicines that are essential during the school day, in their original packaging, with written parental consent. We do not administer non-prescribed medicines such as paracetamol or ibuprofen; parents/carers are asked to come into school to give these themselves.
- **First Aid:** Qualified first aiders are on site every day. Minor injuries are recorded in school; parents are always contacted in the event of a head injury or serious incident.
- **Intimate Care:** Carried out with dignity and safeguarding in mind, and only where necessary as part of an agreed care plan.
- **Individual Healthcare Plans (IHCPs):** If your child has a medical condition that requires ongoing support in school (such as diabetes, epilepsy, severe allergies, or asthma that is complex or not well controlled), an IHCP will be written with you, your child, health professionals and school staff. This helps us keep your child safe and supported. Straightforward, well-controlled asthma is recorded on our asthma register instead (see above).

Individual Healthcare Plans (IHCPs) are reviewed **at least every year** (in September) and updated straight away if your child's needs or medication change. We will always involve you in this process.

This is a short summary. Our full Allergy and Anaphylaxis Policy and Supporting Pupils with Medical Needs, First Aid and Intimate Care Policy are available on the school website, or on request from the school office.

If your child has a medical condition, allergy, or requires medication in school, please speak to the school office as soon as possible. Thank you for helping us to keep every child safe and supported.