

In God's love we learn and grow together

Headteacher: Mrs J P Conley

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Urgent - Annual Pupil Information Update & Medical Safeguarding Compliance

At our school, we hold the safety, health, and well-being of every child as our highest priority, rooted in our Catholic duty of care for one another.

In the coming days, your child will bring home an **Information & Medical Update Form**. We kindly ask you to complete, sign, and return this form to the school office as a matter of urgency.

Why This Update Is Vital

It is critical that the school holds accurate, up-to-date information regarding your child's health, dietary requirements, emergency contacts, and any medical conditions (such as hay fever, asthma, severe allergies, epilepsy, or diabetes). Even if there have been no changes to your child's health over the past year, **we still require a newly signed form** to confirm that our records are fully accurate.

New Medical Safeguarding Requirements: Benedict's Law

This update is particularly important following recent changes in statutory guidance and national medical safeguarding legislation, including the implementation of **Benedict's Law** (part of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act).

Benedict's Law was established in memory of Benedict Blythe, a five-year-old boy who tragically died from a severe allergic reaction while at school. The legislation introduces strict legal requirements for all schools regarding medical safeguarding and allergy management, including:

- **Up-to-Date Medical Records:** Schools must hold current medical details and create or review **Individual Healthcare Plans (IHPs)** for any child with significant health conditions or severe allergies.
- **Emergency Action:** Accurate medical records allow trained staff to identify risks quickly and administer emergency medication safely if needed.
- **Accurate Contact Information:** In an emergency, we must be able to reach you or designated emergency contacts immediately. Please note that we require a minimum of 3 contacts per child.

Action Required

Please watch out for the paper form in your child's bag (or via our digital app, if applicable). We ask that you:

1. **Review all details carefully.**
2. **Detail any health concerns, allergies, or required medications.**
3. **Sign and return the form to the school office by Friday 11th September.**

We appreciate that completing paperwork takes time, but your prompt response directly ensures we can keep your child safe, happy, and fully supported throughout the school day.

Thank you for your continued partnership, co-operation, and support in keeping our school community safe.

Yours in faith and partnership

J Conley
Headteacher