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Dear families,

Emergency Rescue Medications in School

As part of the Department of Health guidance, schools are permitted to purchase rescue medications in order to use salbutamol inhalers without a prescription in the event of an emergency.

Schools are also permitted to carry a “spare” adrenaline auto-injector (AAI), sometimes known as an EpiPen, without prescription, for use in emergencies. To a pupil at risk of anaphylaxis, where both medical authorisation and written parental consent for use of the spare AAI has been provided, administering such medication could be potentially lifesaving. The school’s spare AAI can be administered to a pupil whose own prescribed AAI cannot be administered correctly without delay. In the event of a possible severe allergic reaction in a pupil who does **not** meet these criteria, emergency services (999) would be contacted and advice sought from them as to whether administration of the spare emergency AAI device is appropriate.

Before administering rescue medication, we require your consent. Emergency inhalers will only be administered to students already diagnosed with asthma and prescribed an inhaler. AAI medication may be administered following the emergency services instruction.

At Ravenshall, we carry both types of the above emergency rescue medications.

Please complete and submit the following form as soon as possible to provide your consent to administer rescue medication in the event of an emergency.

<https://forms.office.com/e/4QMCaDQwnp>

We thank you for your support in this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

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