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*Learning together inside
and outside the
classroom*

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Allergy Policy

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to let you know that the Governing Body has recently approved an Allergy Policy, which is attached to this email.

The policy has been introduced following updated national guidance for schools and reflects the increased focus on allergy awareness and safety across the education sector. Many of you may have seen recent coverage of Benedict's Law, which has highlighted the importance of ensuring schools have clear procedures in place to support children with allergies.

At Isbourne Valley School, the safety and wellbeing of all pupils is our highest priority. The policy sets out how we identify and support children with allergies, reduce risks where possible, and ensure staff are trained to respond appropriately should an allergic reaction occur.

I would be grateful if you could take a few moments to read the policy. If your child has an allergy, or if there have been any changes to their medical needs, please inform the school office as soon as possible so that our records remain up to date.

As part of keeping all children safe, we also ask parents and carers to remind their children that food should never be shared with others at school. While this is something we regularly discuss with pupils, your support in reinforcing this message at home is greatly appreciated, as it helps us reduce the risk of children being exposed to allergens they may not be aware of. The policy also makes clear that sharing food, food containers and utensils is not allowed in school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

J R A Godding

Mr Godding
Headteacher