

Allergy safety in schools – Adrenaline Auto-Injectors (AAIs)

The [Allergy safety in schools statutory guidance](#), published by the Department of Education in July 2026 highlights that ‘schools (though not colleges or early years settings) are permitted to stock “spare” adrenaline devices for emergency use, and should do so’.

School presents a signed order to request AAIs

Check the signed order meets the minimum legal requirements:

- Name and address of the school
- Product name
- Strength
- Purpose for which the product is required
- Total quantity required
- Signature of the principal or head teacher
 - Possible sources to confirm head teacher and school details are:
 - [Get Information about Schools - GOV.UK](#)
 - [Ofsted reports](#)
- *(Note: ideally school letterheaded paper should be used, but this is not a legal requirement).*

Check the quantity of AAIs that the school has requested. There is no legal limit however Pharmacists need to exercise their professional judgement. Schools should only be obtaining a reasonable number based on school size and number of sites. Recommended quantities are provided in the [guidance](#).

Do not label the AAIs (they are not for a named pupil)

Provision of AAIs to schools is a retail sale (not free of charge). Calculate the cost and charge the school, taking into consideration purchase cost of the AAI, your percentage mark-up plus VAT

Provide advice to the person collecting:
- How to use correctly - Correct storage, care and disposal - Regular date checking and when to replace

Retain the signed order for 2-years
or
Make an entry in the POM register detailing:
- Date of supply - Name, quantity, formulation and strength of AAI - Name and address of head teacher and the school
- Purpose for which it was sold
(Good practice to make entry in POM register even when signed order is retained for audit purposes)