Safeguarding Policy Addendum: Medical Conditions and Allergies

Purpose

LSEAT recognises that safeguarding includes promoting the welfare, health and wellbeing of children and young people. Pupils with medical conditions, disabilities and allergies may be particularly vulnerable and may require additional support to ensure they can access education safely and participate fully in school life.

Working Together and Managing Information

LSEAT will work collaboratively with pupils, parents and carers, healthcare professionals and relevant staff to identify and manage medical and welfare needs. Appropriate information about medical conditions and allergies will be recorded, shared on a need-to-know basis and managed in accordance with data protection requirements, LSEAT's Allergy Policy and any individual healthcare or support plans.

Medical Needs and Safeguarding

Staff should be aware that medical needs and safeguarding can overlap. Concerns may arise where a pupil's medical condition or allergy is not being appropriately managed, essential medication is repeatedly unavailable, relevant medical information has not been provided, or a pupil's health needs place them at risk of harm, neglect, abuse or exploitation.

Any such concern must be reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and managed in accordance with LSEAT's safeguarding procedures.

Support and Responsibilities

The school will implement reasonable and proportionate measures to support pupils with medical conditions and allergies. These may include:

- emergency response arrangements;
- appropriate staff awareness and training; and
- individual risk assessments where required.

Staff must follow LSEAT's Allergy Policy and any localised agreed healthcare or support plans to help ensure pupils remain safe and well supported.