

Allergy Awareness in school science and D and T departments

From September 2026 schools in England must provide allergy awareness training for all staff for the first time, under [new statutory guidance announced by the Department for Education](#).

To precis: lifesaving allergy pens **MUST** be stocked by schools, provision for all staff training in allergy awareness **MUST** be given, and every school **MUST** have a comprehensive policy for supporting children with medical conditions, including Individual Healthcare Plans which record specific arrangements for individuals, for instance an allergy management plan. CLEAPSS resources will help you manage allergies across your science and D&T departments. Links cannot be provided here, but if your school has CLEAPSS membership, search for the reference number or name of the document and you will be able to download it.

Food Technology

MRAT - 206 allergens in food teaching

This MRAT summarises our guidance on allergens in food teaching, in a format that teachers can use when putting their H&S guidance together for teaching food.

GL497 Coeliac Disease

This guide explains what coeliac disease is, and how to manage it in food rooms and non practical areas.

It has a handy infographic that can be printed out and posted in the department.

Working with Food

This is an additional document for those working in the area of Food, and should be read alongside the MRATs.

PS050 Gloves as personal protective equipment.

Explains in some detail the hazards and risks which gloves can protect against, and when gloves are unnecessary. Describes the sort of gloves which might be used in school science and how to identify them.

GL341 Gloves as PPE in D&T, Food and Art This document explains the differences between different types of gloves and their uses.

MRAT - 198 Food Labelling

This MRAT explains the points to be considered when providing information for food labels, to help protect potential consumers.

Science

GL287 - Students (or staff) with latex allergy in laboratories

PS010 - The burning peanut investigation and allergy to nuts

SRA008 - Practical activities in the school grounds, etc.

SSS075 - Fieldwork

Other Areas

PS055 - Bringing pets and other animals temporarily into schools

PS087 Bees and beekeeping in schools

P147 - Keeping bee hives in your school grounds

Emergency Cards - E Cards

These detail what to do in an emergency situation.