

Asthma Policy and Procedures February 2016

The school recognises that asthma is a condition that affects many school aged children and positively welcomes all pupils with asthma. We will endeavour to ensure that the environment of the school is favourable to children and young people with asthma. Smoking is not allowed on site and as far as possible the school doesn't use chemicals in any lessons i.e. science/art that will provoke an asthma attack. Children with asthma are encouraged to participate in all activities where they are able. The school will work in partnership with children, young people, parents and school nurses to ensure that the policy is implemented, reviewed and amended as appropriate.

Wraparound:

Our Wraparound follows this policy. All Wraparound staff are first aid trained.

A CHILD WHO HAS A BREATHING PROBLEM OF ANY DESCRIPTION SHOULD NOT BE LEFT ON THEIR OWN AT ANY TIME. If staff have concerns that a child is not responding well to their inhaler/reliever and is struggling to breathe, we will IMMEDIATELY call for an ambulance and contact parents/carers.

School:

- Training is provided for members of staff by the school nurse service.
- The school will keep an up to date list of children who have asthma and an inhaler in school. The list is given to school staff to ensure that they are aware of all asthmatics in school. The list highlights those children who have a Care Plan for asthma as well as medication in school.
- There will be effective communication between school, parents and health services so that the individual health care needs of children are met whilst accessing education.
- If a child has severe asthma and has needed to go to hospital with an attack then the school will write a Care Plan for that child to be shared with relevant staff.
- Medication will be stored safely but easily accessible either in the classroom or carried by the child or young person dependant on their age and ability.
- Parents will be informed if the reliever inhaler is being used more often than is usual for that child.

Parents:

- Parents need to provide a labelled, up to date inhaler for school use and be responsible for checking/washing the inhaler regularly. School staff are not able to wash inhalers or spacers.
- Parents should sign and return a consent form to school (giving full details of the dosage and preferred method of administration i.e. number of puffs and number of breaths between puffs) to enable the correct administration of medication in school.

Access to asthma medication

Reception to Year 3

Asthma medication will be easily accessible in the classroom; inhalers should be labelled alongside spacers and kept together with the consent form that has been signed by the parent. Children should be reminded if they need to take their inhaler regularly or before PE. For PE lessons, the asthma medication should be taken to the hall or sports field where necessary as indicated on the consent form. In most cases, younger children will need an adult to help them take their inhaler. Asthma medication must ALWAYS be taken on offsite school visits.

Key Stage 2

Children should keep their own inhaler where it is felt that they are mature enough. Otherwise it should be kept in an unlocked cupboard in the classroom together with the consent form signed by the parent. Children should be encouraged to take their medication prior to exercise if indicated. For PE lessons, asthma medication should be taken to the hall or sports field where necessary as indicated on the consent form. Asthma medication must ALWAYS be taken on offsite school visits.

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