



Asthma Policy

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Asthma Policy

Rationale

The Trust:-

- ❖ Recognises that asthma is a widespread, serious but controllable condition and the Trust welcomes all pupils with asthma.
- ❖ Ensures that pupils with asthma can and do participate fully in all aspects of school life, including art lessons, PE, science, visits, outings or field trips and other out of hours school activities.
- ❖ Recognises that pupils with asthma need immediate access to reliever inhalers at all times.
- ❖ Keeps a record of all pupils with asthma and the medicines they take.
- ❖ Ensures that the whole school environment, including the physical, social, sporting and educational environment, is a favourable one to pupils with asthma.
- ❖ Ensures that all pupils understand asthma.
- ❖ Ensures that all staff, (including supply teachers and support staff), who come into contact with pupils with asthma know what to do when someone has an asthma attack.
- ❖ Understand that pupils with asthma may experience bullying and has procedures in place to prevent this.
- ❖ Will work in partnership with all interested parties including the Trust's governing body, all Trust staff, school nurses, parents/carers, employers of Trust staff, doctors, nurses and pupils to ensure the policy is planned, implemented and maintained successfully.

Asthma Medicines

Immediate access to reliever medicines is essential. Pupils with asthma are encouraged to take responsibility for their reliever inhaler as soon as the parent/carer, doctor or asthma nurse and class teacher agree they are mature enough. They are stored in their own tidy trays and are taken with them when working in other areas of the school. The reliever inhalers of younger children are kept in an accessible place in the classroom.

Parents/carers are asked to ensure that the school is provided with a labelled spare reliever inhaler. The office will hold this separately in case the pupils own inhaler runs out, or is lost or forgotten. All inhalers must be labelled with the child's name by the parent/carer.

Parents/carers are asked to check the condition and expiry date on both inhalers at the beginning of each half term.

Trust staff are not required to administer asthma medicines to pupils, (except in an emergency), however many of the staff at this Trust are happy to do this.

Trust staff who agree to administer medicines are insured by the local authority when acting in agreement with this policy. All Trust staff will let pupils take their own medicines when they need to.

Record Keeping

At the beginning of each year or when a child joins the school, parents/carers are asked if their child has any medical conditions including asthma on their enrolment form.

Parents are responsible for informing the school for any asthma attacks at home, and providing, where possible, an Individual Health Plan from the GP or nurse.

A google form will be sent out to all parents who have identified their children as asthmatic to gather information on their particular needs to create an individual Asthma Plan.

The school will keep an Asthma Register in school, which will record use of inhalers in school. Use of inhalers more than 3 times in one school day will prompt staff to contact parents and request the child attends a GP surgery for review.

Exercise and Activity, PE and Games

Taking part in sports, games and activities is an essential part of school life for all pupils. All teachers know which children in their class have asthma and teachers at the Trust are aware of which pupils have asthma from the Trust's asthma register. Pupils with asthma are encouraged to participate fully in all PE lessons.

School Environment

The Trust does all that it can to ensure the school environment is favourable to pupils with asthma. The Trust does not keep furry or feathery animals and has a definite no smoking policy. The Trust does not use chemicals in science or art lessons that are a potential triggers for pupils with asthma.

School Trips

Children with asthma will be identified prior to school trips, and individual risk assessments put together, medication should be kept on the child at all times, and staff will take a spare reliever with them in the first aid kit. For overnight trips where the child needs a preventer, parents will be asked to supply two, in case one fails.

When a Pupil is Falling Behind in Lessons

If a pupil is missing a lot of time at school or is always tired because their asthma is disturbing their sleep at night, the class teacher will initially talk to the parents/carers to work out how to prevent their child from falling behind. If appropriate, the teacher will then talk to the school nurse and special education needs coordinator about the pupil's needs.

The Trust recognises that it is possible for pupils with asthma to have special education needs due to their asthma.

Exam Periods

Exam periods often fall within peak hayfever season. Asthma is also triggered by stress. The school will identify children with asthma during the exam period and ensure preventative medication has been taken, and reliever medication is available within the exam room.

Asthma Attacks

All staff who come into contact with pupils with asthma know what to do in the event of an asthma attack.

In the event of an asthma attack the Trust follows a clear procedure visibly displayed in the first aid room and in every classroom throughout schools.

Access and Review of Policy

The Asthma Policy will be accessible to all parents, staff and the community through the Trust's website. Hard copies can be obtained through the school office. This policy will be reviewed on a three yearly cycle.

Asthma Care Plan

We are committed to providing quality care for children with asthma. You will be pleased to know that this Trust takes its responsibilities to pupils with asthma seriously and that the Trust has an Asthma Policy to enable all staff members to help your child manage their condition.

To ensure your child receives the best possible care at all times, we ask you to assist with the following:-

- ❖ Identify your child's condition on the annual information return sheet and update the school of any changes throughout the academic year where needed.
- ❖ Complete the asthma care plan google form, (if you are in any doubt about the treatment, please take the form to your doctor or asthma nurse for completion).
- ❖ Sign the completed Asthma plan when it is returned to you. Keeping a copy for your own records.
- ❖ Inform school immediately of any change of treatment, (when appropriate).
- ❖ Ensure your child has a reliever, (blue), inhaler for use in school (and a spacer if this is the usual method of delivery), as well as a home inhaler. School inhaler to be kept in school please during term time.