

BLACKTHORNS CP SCHOOL

School Asthma Policy

The school:

- **Recognises that asthma is an important condition affecting many school children and welcomes all pupils with asthma**
- **Ensures that children with asthma participate fully in all aspects of school life including PE**
- **Recognises that immediate access to reliever inhalers is vital**
- **Keeps records of children with asthma and the medication they take.**
- **Ensures the school environment is favourable to children with asthma**
- **Ensures that other children understand asthma**
- **Will work together with all interested parties including all school staff, parents, governors, doctors and nurses, and children to ensure the policy is implemented and maintained successfully.**

Roles and Responsibilities:

The Headteacher will:

1. **ensure that all members of staff are aware of the policy and follow procedures**
2. **ensure that the school nurse attends the school on a yearly basis to up date staff on asthma**
3. **keep governors informed**
4. **monitor the effectiveness of the policy.**

The school secretary will:

1. **inform parents of their responsibilities regarding reliever inhalers.**
2. **keep named reliever inhalers for EY/KS1 and Years 3 in an accessible box in the main office.**
3. **keep additional named reliever inhalers for Years 5 & 6 in an accessible box in the main office.**
4. **ensure that supply teachers have a copy of the policy and an awareness of the asthmatic children.**

Class teachers will:

1. **ensure that EY/KS1 and Years 3 children are sent to the main office if they require their reliever inhaler**
2. **ensure that Years 4, 5 & 6 children go to the main office if they need their inhaler before, during and after PE**
3. **be aware of the children's individual medical needs i.e. needs to use inhaler before PE etc**
4. **be aware of the children who have asthma and ensure that they have equal access to the curriculum**
5. **ensure that TAs know who in their class is asthmatic**

Parents will:

1. tell the school if their child is asthmatic
2. inform the school of the medication the child requires during school
3. ensure child knows how to use inhaler
4. provide a named spare inhaler for Year 4, 5 & 6 children
5. ensure all inhalers are within their expiry date
6. inform the school if medication changes

Pupils will:

1. inform teacher/TA if they are using inhaler other than at normal times

In an emergency:

- ensure that the reliever inhaler is taken immediately
- stay calm and reassure the child
- help the child to breathe by ensuring tight clothing is loosened
- use professional judgement about whether to phone parents or make a note in the child's home/school diary of an attack

IF:

- the reliever has no effect after 5-10 minutes
- the child is either distressed or unable to talk
- the child is getting exhausted
- you have any doubts at all about the child's condition

CALL THE CHILD'S DOCTOR OR AN AMBULANCE

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