



ASTHMA POLICY

WORMHOLT PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL



Article 24

(Children) have the right to the best health care possible, safe water to drink, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment, and information to help (them) stay well.

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Pupils with asthma are welcome in this school. They are encouraged to take part in **ALL** activities.

Aims

- All staff, teaching and support staff are aware of the condition and know what to do in the event of an asthma attack;
- Annual training is provided by the school nurse for all staff;
- All children with asthma have easy, and immediate access to their reliever inhaler treatment;
- All children have an awareness of asthma so that they can support their friends;
- Records are kept of the children with asthma and regularly updated;
- There is good communication between home, school and the nursing team.

At School

Parents are asked to complete a health care plan. This form outlines the condition and if, or when, medication needs to be taken. The medical lead will send out the health care plan form and it will be signed by the school nurse. Parents of children with asthma are asked to keep the school informed of any changes in condition, or other illnesses/allergies likely to affect their asthma.

The medical lead will inform the class teacher if there are any changes to the health care plan.

Administering Inhalers

Children **MUST HAVE** one blue salbutamol inhaler (reliever inhaler) and one plastic spacer prescribed by their GP in school. This must be in its original box with its prescription label detailing the child's name. It is the parent's responsibility to supply this blue inhaler and spacer to the school. All inhalers will be easily and immediately accessible and never locked away.

All classrooms are equipped with a grab bag that will contain each child's individual labelled medication and spacer.

The medical lead **MUST** be informed when a child has been diagnosed with Asthma and they will need a health care plan filled out. Any member of staff that administers medication will fill in the record sheet and will liaise with the medical lead/parents and School Nurse if any children are needing to use their inhaler on a regular basis (weekly or more frequently)

Preventative inhalers - These now come in a range of colours including orange, maroon, purple and beige and are **NOT** needed in school. They should be administered at home before and after school. Any preventative medication will be sent home if brought into school.

Access to Inhalers

Children with asthma will have access to their inhaler whenever needed with supervision and support from an adult. The class grab bag should be taken out with the class whenever they leave the room: during all PE lessons, breaktimes and lunch times, fire drills and emergency evacuations.

It is essential that the teacher ensures their class' asthma medication is taken with the class on all school trips, swimming etc. On any other class or year group trips out of school a named adult is responsible for carrying the inhalers and spacers. The medical lead will prepare the medication bags for school trips

Emergency Asthma Kits

The school has emergency asthma kits which are held in the school office. The emergency inhaler/spacer should only be used in an emergency if the child's own inhaler / spacer is not available (expired / empty / lost). The spacer is to be washed in warm soapy water and left to air dry and the inhaler should be wiped clean with an anti-bacterial wipe after use.

The inhaler in the Emergency kit can only be used by children whose parents have consented to the usage.

Each pack will contain:

- 2 blue Salbutamol inhalers;
- 2 plastic spacers;
- an emergency asthma plan poster;
- register of consented asthmatic children and an asthma log.

It is the medical lead's job to ensure the class and emergency boxes are regularly checked and contain all the agreed equipment. Class staff to let the medical lead know if asthma forms run out.

P.E and Clubs

Staff should inform the medical lead if any children need their inhalers during exercise.

The grab bag needs to be taken with them to the P.E lesson, and ensure this bag is returned to the class.

Class teachers need to take grab bags on all sporting events.

Asthma Attack

In the case of an asthma attack the member of staff should follow the instructions on the asthma attack poster situated in all classrooms and keep the child calm. **PLEASE TREAT CHILD WHERE THEY ARE AND SEND FOR HELP IMMEDIATELY.**

Asthma Friendly School Status

Our school is currently an Asthma Friendly school. This status is reviewed annually by the School Nursing Team and the following criteria must be met each year for it to be awarded:

- ✓ Named Asthma Champion
- ✓ Named Asthma Lead
- ✓ Register of all children with Asthma
- ✓ Management plan for children with asthma (Asthma Action plan)
- ✓ Asthma Champion links with Community Asthma services & attends Annual workshop
- ✓ Clear Asthma policy
- ✓ Accessible inhalers
- ✓ Annual school staff training (minimum 85% attendance required)
- ✓ Display of emergency plan posters
- ✓ Emergency inhaler kits
- ✓ Annual asthma audit

Whole School Training

To support the management of children's asthma within our school, whole school staff training is to be updated annually to ensure that **ALL** staff are aware of the procedures to follow in the event of a child having a possible asthma attack.

Legal Position

Staff are legally covered by the LA to administer asthma treatment if they are happy to do so. It is **illegal** to use the inhaler of another child, even in an emergency.

Our asthma policy incorporates national guidelines recommended on the management of asthma care in school. The policy is in place to maintain the safety of all children with asthma at our school and to support our school staff team in doing so.