

BISHOP WOOD C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL
ASTHMA POLICY



Pupils with asthma are welcome in our school. They are encouraged to take a full part in all activities.

AIMS

- All teaching and support staff are asthma aware and receive annual training provided by the School Nurse.
- There are systems in place to support children to manage their medical condition on a daily basis and in emergency situations
- Records are kept of the children with asthma and are regularly updated.
- There is good communication between home and school.

AT SCHOOL

- When a child joins the school parents/carers will be asked if their child has asthma. Parents/carers of children with asthma will be given a school asthma card to complete. From this information we will compile a school register.
- If a child is diagnosed with asthma during the school year there is an expectation that parents/carers inform the school. The school will send out a reminder via the school Newsletter at the beginning of the spring and summer term alerting parents/carers that this is an expectation and to take action if relevant.
- Children with asthma are encouraged to take control of their condition. They should one named reliever inhaler for daily use in their school bag at all times. The school will also have access to an additional inhaler called the 'School Emergency Inhaler' should there be a breakdown in the system. The parent/carer will need to sign and return the Permission to Administer Emergency Medication slip which will then be kept with their child's asthma card. Parents/carers will update their child's asthma card if there are any changes to the child's asthma or medication.
- We will do everything we can to make sure that our school is favourable to pupils with asthma and reduce the presence of triggers where possible.
- If there are concerns relating to achievement as a result of asthma issues the teacher will initially speak to the parent and suggest an asthma review appointment at the GP surgery.
- The school may also request the advice and support of the School Nurse or SENCO.

INHALERS

- The school will have a supply of emergency inhalers known as the 'School Emergency Inhalers' available for emergency use should the child's own inhalers not be available for use due to breakage or recently becoming out of date. These inhalers will only be available to children whose parents/carers have signed a consent form allowing us to administer emergency inhalers.
- Immediate access to emergency relief inhalers is essential. In the event of a child having an asthma attack and not being able to use their own inhaler someone, (not the child) will alert a First Aider who will have access to and administer the 'School Emergency Inhaler'.
- The 'School Emergency Inhaler' and spacers are labelled
- Mrs. Sharman will manage the inhaler store.
- Preventer inhalers (brown, orange, purple or green) are not accepted in school.
- A child's own asthma inhaler will accompany them at all times including local visits, school trips and any evacuation.
- School staff are not required to administer medication, however many are happy to do so if necessary. The child will be encouraged to take their inhaler themselves whenever possible
- Children will NEVER be denied access to their inhaler.
- Children will NEVER be given another child's inhaler.
- We will inform the parent/carer if their child is using their inhaler device more than usual.

EXERCISE AND ACTIVITY

- We encourage all pupils to take part in sport and other activities. Teachers and supply staff will be aware of children with asthma in their classes. When PE activities are off site, asthma inhalers are taken by the children to their destination.
- Pupils with exercise triggered asthma will be reminded to take their inhaler 10 minutes prior to exercise.
- Pupils will be allowed to take their inhaler if needed and to re-join the lesson when they have recovered.
- During swimming sessions, inhalers must be poolside.

ASTHMA ATTACK

- The Asthma UK Asthma Attack procedure will be visibly displayed in the staffroom.