

Featherstone Primary School

Asthma Policy



Aspire, Believe, Succeed

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Monitoring, evaluation and review: Every Two years

POLICY STATEMENT

Featherstone Primary School:

- Welcomes pupils with asthma and recognise their need.
- Expects and encourages Parents/Carers to give appropriate information to the school regarding their child's asthma and to provide a prescribed reliever (blue) inhaler and spacer device.
- Recognises that pupils need to have immediate access to their reliever inhaler.
- Will encourage and help children who have asthma to participate fully in all aspects of school life.

ON ADMISSION TO SCHOOL

All parents/carers will be asked to complete an admissions form giving full details of their child's asthma, regular medication, emergency contact numbers, family G.P and any other relevant information.

Every child with an asthma diagnosis must have a reliever inhaler (blue) available in school and a spacer device.

STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF MEDICATION

All inhaler devices need to be clearly labelled with the child's full name.

Inhalers will be kept in an inhaler bag in the classroom under the supervision of the class teacher.

If pupils leave the premises for any activity they must have their reliever (blue) inhaler with them.

KEEPING INHALERS IN DATE AND FULL OF MEDICATION.

Parents/Carers need to keep a check on all reliever inhalers/spacer devices regularly, confirming that the inhalers are in date and are full of medication.

EMERGENCY INHALER IN SCHOOL

School has an emergency inhaler on site should there be a need. The inhaler is kept clearly labelled in the medical cupboard in the main office.

INFORMING PARENTS

Most children will not need to use their reliever (blue) inhaler on a daily basis; therefore, if the child has experienced symptoms and has needed to use their inhaler, or had to use it more often than usual, parents/carers will be informed by the class teacher at the end of the school day. Where it has not been possible to speak directly to parents, they will be informed by a text or phone call after school.

Parents/Carers will always be informed if their child is having a severe asthma attack, following contact with the medical services.

EXERCISE AND ACTIVITY

Pupils with asthma are encouraged to participate in P.E lessons.

Some pupils with asthma may need to use their reliever inhaler before or after exercising. Reliever inhalers must be readily available at all times. Inhalers will be taken to P.E lessons/school trips etc.

ASTHMA ATTACK

It is important that all staff know how to manage a child experiencing an asthma attack. In the event of an asthma attack school staff should follow the procedure outlined in the "Asthma Attack Flowchart". This flowchart should be visibly displayed in the staff room/first aid areas/P.E hall.

TRAINING

All staff will receive asthma awareness training and receive annual updates so that they recognise and know how to manage a child having an asthma attack, when and how to call an ambulance and what to do whilst waiting for the ambulance to arrive.