



**Brook Community Primary School
Asthma policy**

Introduction

Brook School welcomes all pupils with asthma. We recognise that asthma is a widespread, serious but controllable condition affecting a number of pupils at the school. We encourage pupils with asthma to achieve their potential in all aspects of school life by having a clear policy that is understood by staff and pupils.

Aims

The school aims to:

- recognise that asthma is a widespread, serious but controllable condition;
- ensure 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;
- recognise that pupils with asthma need immediate access to reliever inhalers;
- keep a record of all pupils with asthma and the medicines they take;
- ensure that the whole school environment, including the physical, social, sporting and educational environment, is favourable to pupils with asthma;
- ensure that all staff who come into contact with pupils with asthma know what to do in an asthma attack.

Asthma medicines

- Immediate access to reliever medicines is essential. Parents are asked to name and label all inhalers. Inhalers and spacers are kept in the office.
- School staff are not required to administer asthma medicines to pupils (except in an emergency). School staff will let pupils take their own inhalers with spacers when they need to.

Record keeping

- At the beginning of each school year or when a child joins the school, parents/carers are asked if their child has any medical conditions including asthma on their admissions form.
- All parents/carers of children with asthma are consequently asked to complete an "Administration of medicines" form. This will include information about the dose, triggers and where the inhaler and spacer are to be stored.
- Parents are required to update the "Administration of medicines form" at any point that their child's medication or dose changes.
- Medical conditions are recorded on SIMs and teachers informed.

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.
- Pupils with asthma are encouraged to participate fully in all PE lessons.

Asthma attacks

- All staff who come into contact with pupils with asthma know what to do in the event of an asthma attack.
- ***If there are no signs of improvement in a child suffering from an attack an ambulance will be called without delay***

Staff Roles and Responsibilities

All school staff have a responsibility to:

- understand the school asthma policy;
- know which pupils they come into contact with have asthma;
- know what to do in an asthma attack and follow emergency procedures;
- allow pupils with asthma immediate access to their reliever inhaler;
- tell parents/carers if their child has had an asthma attack
- tell parents/carers if their child is using more reliever inhaler than usual;
- ensure pupils have their asthma medicines with them when they go on a school trip or out of the classroom.

Pupils' roles and responsibilities

Pupils have a responsibility to:

- Tell an adult when they are not feeling well;
- Treat asthma medicines with respect;
- Know how to gain access to their medicine in an emergency;
- Know how to take their own asthma medicines .

Parents' roles and responsibilities

Parents and carers have a responsibility to:

- Tell the school if their child has asthma ;
- Ensure the school has an up-to-date administration of medication form;
- Inform the school of any medicines the child requires while taking part in visits, outings or field trips and other out-of-school activities such as school team sports and complete the required paperwork;
- Inform the school of any changes to their child's asthma (for example, if their symptoms are getting worse or they are sleeping badly due to their asthma);
- Ensure the child's reliever inhaler and spacer is labelled with their child's name;
- Keep their child at home if they are not well enough to attend school;
- Ensure their child has regular asthma reviews with their doctor or asthma nurse.

Use of the emergency inhalers

The school holds an inhaler in school for use in an emergency at school. These will only be given to children who are already diagnosed with asthma and prescribed an inhaler. They will only be used if the child does not have their own inhaler or it is faulty or empty.