

Asthma Policy

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Primary School Asthma Policy

1. Statement of Intent This school is committed to providing an inclusive, safe, and supportive environment for all pupils with asthma. We recognise that asthma is a widespread, serious, but manageable condition. We adhere to the Department for Education (DfE) statutory guidance on *Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions*.

2. Record Keeping and the Asthma Register

- **Asthma Register on Bromcom:** The school maintains an Asthma Register, which is recorded directly on the child's profile on **Bromcom**. Parents/carers must notify the school immediately if their child is diagnosed with asthma so their profile can be updated.
- **Healthcare Plans:** Parents must provide an up-to-date Individual Healthcare Plan (IHP) and an asthma action plan from their doctor/nurse upon enrollment or diagnosis.
- **Recording Medication on Bromcom:** In accordance with DfE guidance, a formal record must be kept of all medicines administered. Any time a pupil takes their asthma medication (whether routine, preventative, or emergency), staff must immediately log this on **Bromcom** and notify parents.
- **Updates:** Parents are responsible for updating the school regarding any changes in their child's condition or medication.

3. Access to Inhalers

- **Immediate Access:** Reliever inhalers (usually blue) must be immediately accessible at all times. **They are never locked away.** * **Storage:** For younger pupils (EYFS/KS1), inhalers are kept in a designated, easily accessible location in the classroom. Older pupils (KS2) are encouraged to carry their own inhalers if deemed competent by parents and staff.
- **Emergency Salbutamol:** In line with DfE guidance, the school keeps emergency salbutamol inhalers for use when a pupil's own inhaler is lost, broken, or empty. These will *only* be used for children marked as having asthma on Bromcom whose parents have provided written consent.

4. PE, Games, and Educational Visits

- Pupils with asthma are encouraged to participate fully in all aspects of school life, including PE, sports, and trips.
- Staff leading PE or off-site visits must check **Bromcom** to ensure they have a list of pupils with asthma and verify that their reliever inhalers are brought along and readily available.

5. Staff Training

- All staff will receive regular asthma awareness training to recognise the symptoms of an asthma attack and understand this policy.
- Designated staff will be trained in administering the emergency school inhaler.

6. Emergency Procedure: In the Event of an Asthma Attack

All staff must follow these steps if a child has an asthma attack:

1. **Keep calm and reassure the child.** Encourage them to sit up and lean forward slightly.
2. **Ensure they take 1 to 2 puffs of their reliever inhaler** (or the school emergency inhaler if theirs is unavailable and consent is held), ideally through a spacer.
3. **If there is no immediate improvement**, continue to give 1 puff every 30-60 seconds, up to a maximum of 10 puffs.
4. **Call 999 immediately if:**
 - The child does not feel better after 10 puffs.
 - They are too breathless to talk.
 - Their lips or fingertips are blue/pale.
 - You are in any doubt about their condition.
 - The child's symptoms significantly worsens call 999
5. **Contact parents/carers** as soon as the immediate emergency is managed, and ensure the event and medication given are logged on **Bromcom**.