



Asthma Policy:

We recognise that asthma may affect many children of differing ages and that each individual symptom may require a different approach.

We will:

- Ensure that the child remains calm.
- Have the correct named inhalers for that child and any spacers provided by your GP.
- Request spare inhalers (stored in nursery) in case any should run out or be faulty.
- Ensure staff are aware of any children who suffer with asthma.
- Encourage children who suffer with asthma to participate fully in activities.
- Ask parents/carers to disclose that their child suffers from asthma on the Individual Healthcare Plan and to detail signs and symptoms of the onset of an asthma attack and what should be done to help ease the symptoms.
- Encourage children to ask questions about asthma and support their peers during these attacks.
- Ensure the welfare of both the child having the attack and their peers.
- Ensure that children have immediate access to reliever inhalers
- Ensure that the environment is favourable to children with asthma

We ask parents to tell us about their child's asthma symptoms and how to recognise when their symptoms are getting worse and how to help them take their reliever medicine, all this information will then be recorded on the child's personal record form.

All children with asthma will be allowed immediate access to their reliever medicine whenever they need it. This may include allowing them to carry it on them either in their pocket or inhaler pouch, if they are mature enough to do this.

Please let us know if your child needs to be reminded to take their inhaler and if they would like to take it in private, as we appreciate that some children may be shy about taking their medication in front of others.



We will always inform parents if their child has suffered from asthma symptoms and had to use their inhaler. If after discussion between the parents/carers and the doctor or nurse, it is believed that a particular child is too young to carry their inhaler, we will keep one with a first- aider within reasonable proximity of that child.

We need parents to provide written information detailing:

- What asthma medicines the child takes and when
- What triggers the child's asthma and what to do if the child's asthma gets worse
- Emergency contact details

We will ensure any spare medicines stored by us are labelled and have not passed their expiry date.