



# CLIFTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## ASTHMA POLICY

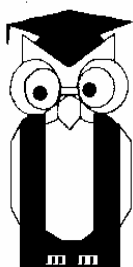
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## **Asthma Policy**

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At Clifton Primary School we recognise that asthma is a widespread, serious but controllable condition, and we welcome all pupils with Asthma. We ensure that pupils with Asthma can, and do participate fully in all aspects of school life, including art lessons, PE, science, visits, and other out of hours school activities.

At Clifton we;

- Recognise that pupils with asthma need immediate access to reliever inhalers at all times.
- 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 a favourable to pupils with Asthma.
- Ensure that all pupils understand about Asthma
- Ensure that all staff who come into contact with pupils with Asthma know what to do if an Asthma attack occurs.
- Work in partnership with all interested parties including the school's governing body, all school staff, school nurses, parents/cares, employers of school staff, doctors, nurses and pupils to ensure the policy is planned, implemented and maintained successfully.

### **Asthma medicines**

Immediate access to reliever medicines is essential. Pupils with asthma are encouraged to carry their reliever inhaler as soon as the parent/carer, doctor or asthma nurse and class teacher agree they are mature enough. The reliever inhalers of younger children are kept in the classroom in a drawstring bag.

Parents/carers are asked to ensure that the school is provided with a labelled spare reliever inhaler. The class teacher will hold this separately in case the pupils own inhaler runs out, or is lost or forgotten. All inhalers must be labelled with the child's name by the parent/carer.

School staff are not required to administer Asthma medicines to pupils (except in an emergency), however many of the staff at this school are happy to do this.

## **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 enrolment form.

## **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 and teachers at the school are aware of which pupils have Asthma from the school's Medical List. 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, cases will be treated promptly and seriously.

In the event of an Asthma attack the school follows a clear procedure visibly displayed next to the first aid box, and in every classroom throughout school.

## **Asthma Attack procedure**

If a **BLUE** inhaler is used to relieve the symptoms of coughing, wheezing and shortness of breath and it does not work:

- Wait 5 minutes and repeat the treatment. (Use a spacer, if possible to administer the treatment.)
- Stay calm
- Speak quietly
- Sit the child up
- Give the child space

If there is no response to treatment with the **BLUE** inhaler and the child has, in any combination:

- Difficulty speaking
- Fast breathing
- Pale skin
- Blue lips
- Tracheal tug

1. CALL THE EMERGENCY SERVICES.
2. Continue to give the **BLUE** inhaler every 5 minutes and record the number of times it is taken.
3. CALL THE PARENT.

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